



Jeajea named head of Christian forces as fighting goes on

Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter
and agencies

Heavy fighting continued for a third day in Sidon yesterday as Christian rebel leader Samir Jeajea was named head of a 10-man "executive leadership" that will control the Lebanese Forces Christian militia.

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel broke his silence on the rebellion, now in its second week, blaming the revolt on the emergence of Moslem extremist groups in Beirut.

"I have repeatedly warned in pre-

vious cabinet sessions that intransigence in one part of Lebanon will generate adverse intransigence in the other part," Gemayel was quoted as saying in an official communiqué.

His deliberate effort not to attack the leaders of the rebellion and to shift the blame elsewhere would appear to indicate that he is open to conciliation with the rebels. He apparently realizes that he is dealing with a broad-based Christian revolt that he can only attempt to crush at the cost of totally alienating himself from a large part of Lebanon's Christian community.

The Associated Press quoted an unidentified official source in the rebellion as insisting that the creation of the new executive leadership should not be seen as a step towards creating an independent Christian enclave.

"This is not the beginning of a separate parliament, nor is it the beginning of a separate Christian state," the source was quoted as saying.

The same source also indicated that the rebels too were open to compromise with Gemayel and the Phalange Party, noting that all they

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4 attacks, no casualties

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
METULLA — There were no casualties yesterday in four attacks against the Israel Defence Forces and South Lebanon Army in South Lebanon.

Light arms fire was directed at SLA outposts in Tyre port and north of Tyre. A rocket-propelled grenade was fired at an IDF position at the Burj a-Shamali refugee camp near Tyre.

RPG and light arms fire was directed at an SLA patrol north of Hatzbaya on the eastern front.

Katif region 'inseparable part of Israel' — Rabin

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that the Katif region in the sand dunes here must "in any event be an inseparable part of the state of Israel."

He made his declaration on a roof of a still-to-be-completed regional council headquarters, overlooking some of the new settlements in the area. It was a response to residents' requests for assurances about their future in an area reminiscent of Yamit which was returned to Egypt under the Camp David accords.

Rabin noted that geographically the area is part of the "Land of Israel," but he clearly distinguished between that and the political entity

of the "state of Israel."

Throughout the day, in which he also visited Gaza and Dir el-Balah, he was non-committal on the political future of the other areas in the densely populated strip.

At the meeting with the settlers, Rabin was asked to clarify his position on suggestions that the Palestinians be given autonomy in Gaza first. Such talk "is frightening," one settler said.

Rabin dodged the question. "I am not the one who invented autonomy (so) I don't see myself qualified to give you an answer now," he said.

When pressed by another settler, the minister declared that the Katif region "must in any event be an inseparable part of the state of Israel."

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3,000 want citizenship revoked

By AARON SITTNER

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
About 3,000 Israeli citizens living abroad have requested revocation of their Israeli citizenship since the travel tax was instituted.

In confirming this last night, an Interior Ministry official said "quite a few" of the requests came from Israelis in West Germany who have been granted citizenship by that country.

Meanwhile, the ministry disclosed that it is probing into the validity of conversion-to-Judaism documents of 20 foreign basketball players acquired by Israeli league teams.

Earlier this week, the ministry revoked the citizenship of Tel Aviv Betar's John Lee Irving, alleging he had fraudulently obtained his immigrant status and, subsequently, his Israeli citizenship — on the basis of a questionable conversion certificate obtained abroad.



Gunmen of the Christian Lebanese Forces fire at positions held by Moslem militiamen overlooking the port of Sidon yesterday. The Moslems are backed by Lebanese Army troops. (Reuters telephoto)

Shultz to visit in May

By ASHER WALLFISH

and DAVID LANDAU

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will be in Israel in May, official sources disclosed last night.

His visit will be in connection with events marking 40 years since the Holocaust and the liberation of the Nazi death camps. But he is also expected to conduct political talks both in Jerusalem and neighbouring Arab capitals.

The date of the Shultz visit will take on an immediate political significance as it becomes a target date on which all the parties involved in the Mubarak diplomatic initiative will set their sights.

Next week State Department Middle East expert Richard Murphy is due in the region for talks in connection with the Egyptian president's initiative.

In another development, the Prime Minister's Office last night issued a statement denying reports that there has been a change in Israel's position of opposing preliminary negotiations between the U.S. and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

The statement said Israel continues to support direct negotiations with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation which does not include PLO representatives.

Free trade pact with Israel passes House committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terms of

the free trade agreement between the U.S. and Israel were approved unanimously yesterday by the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives.

The agreement, the first such accord in U.S. history, would eliminate almost all barriers to trade between the two countries by January 1, 1995.

By a vote of 11 to 8, the committee approved an amendment that would allow the U.S. president to go ahead with eliminating American import duties on "sensitive" products after five years.

The current version of the proposal sponsored by the Reagan administration would require the president to come back to Congress after five years if he wants authority to eliminate protection of the sensitive products, including bromine.

Representative Sam Gibbons, chairman of the subcommittee on trade, led the fight for the amend-

ment. He argued that U.S. trade representative William Brock had promised to submit the agreement formally to Congress without the requirement of a new authorization after five years, but then had made a different commitment in the Senate.

Claud Ginchir, general counsel (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Top UK diplomat here

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Britain's top diplomat, Sir Anthony Acland, began a five-day visit to Israel yesterday with a series of working sessions at the Foreign Ministry.

Sir Anthony, whose full title is permanent under-secretary of state at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and head of the diplomatic service, is to meet this afternoon with Foreign Minister Shamir.

Tomorrow he will be the guest of Yavne Mayor Meir Shitrit. He is to spend Saturday at Kibbutz Gonen.

Joint bid to shore-up troubled Package Deal

Gov't backs package with price hikes synchronized

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
The terms of Package Deal II will remain in force, but any future price hikes will take place simultaneously on the same set day. Between each round of price increases there will be a price freeze of four to six weeks.

This proposal, adopted by the economics inner-cabinet yesterday, will be raised by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon at a meeting today with representatives of the Histadrut and the private employers.

The meeting was originally planned to be attended by all the members of the Economic and Social Council, the body that fathered the package deal accords. But at the ministerial talks yesterday it was agreed that today's deliberations will be informal and will be attended by a reduced number of members from each side. The proposal adopted by the economics cabinet was originally raised by Ya'acobi and was supported by the other ministers. Ya'acobi said after the meeting that after the proposal is implemented, there will be time to discuss changes in the package deal terms in a more relaxed way.

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3 hurt by terrorist bomb in Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA (Him) — Three persons were injured yesterday morning when a small bomb blew up here at an Egged bus stop. Two men, aged 66 and 35, suffered light and medium injuries respectively, and were taken to a hospital by ambulance.

A woman who was hurt left the scene in a private car.

Police, who said the bomb was planted by terrorists, set up roadblocks in the area.

House panel okays \$3b. for Israel

By WOLF BLITZER

JERUSALEM Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — A House foreign affairs subcommittee yesterday authorized \$3 billion in economic and military grants for Israel in the 1986 fiscal year budget.

But the Europe and Middle East subcommittee took no action on Israel's pending request for an additional \$1.5b. economic supplemental aid package over the next two years.

The panel, chaired by Democratic Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana, agreed to defer any action on the extra assistance for several more days while the Reagan administration reaches its own final decision on the matter.

Under-Secretary of State for Security Assistance William Schneider yesterday told a Senate appropriations subcommittee that the administration was indeed prepared to support \$1.2b. in economic grants for Israel as part of the regular 1986 foreign aid bill. The administration, he noted, has already proposed

another \$1.8b. in military grants in the same legislation.

That is the exact military/economic mix which was approved yesterday by the House subcommittee.

But Schneider said that no final decision had been reached by the administration on the supplemental request.

Other U.S. officials said that Secretary of State George Shultz was waiting to hear the report from two of his special economic advisers who have been spending some time in Israel this week investigating the progress in Israel's economic recovery programme. The advisers are Professors Herbert Stein and Stanley Fischer.

According to a compromise arrangement worked out in recent days by Representative Hamilton and Democratic Representative Dante Fascell of Florida, the chairman of the full foreign affairs com-

mittee, the panel will give the administration at least another week to submit any supplemental aid package for Israel.

If no such proposal is made by then, the two lawmakers agreed that the committee could consider the Israeli request on its own. Hamilton said he would first hold separate hearings on any supplemental package.

Israel's supporters on the subcommittee as well as on the full committee almost certainly have the votes to approve the full \$1.5b. two-year package — even in the face of a continued administration delay on the issue. But seeing that extra aid approved in the Senate — without administration support — is considered more problematic.

In the administration, there are conflicting opinions on what to do. Some officials want to wait until after the Histadrut elections in May (Continued on Page 7)



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Housing project set to start in Beit Safafa

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

JERUSALEM Post Reporter

The Arab village of Beit Safafa in southern Jerusalem, truncated by post-Six Day War development around it, is scheduled to witness the start next month of one of the capital's most attractive new residential areas. The project will almost double the village's housing.

Some 700 units in traditional Arab style are to be built with government assistance on a 220-dunam tract between the present village centre and

the large Jewish neighbourhood of Gilo to the south.

Although the Housing Ministry planned the site, its rural character will be in striking contrast to the massive developments built by the ministry for the Jewish population on the fringes of the city since 1967.

The development will consist of attached houses, none more than two storeys high, fitted into small plots on existing terraces with olive and almond trees and stone walls preserved. The houses will be built

by the villagers themselves.

The plans were outlined yesterday for the Jerusalem Committee by architect Moshe Margalit who has drawn them up over the past three years in close cooperation with village residents.

Beit Safafa was divided between 1948-1967 by the line that divided Jerusalem, with two-thirds of its residents living on the Jordanian side. The experience gained by those who lived on the Israeli side in dealing

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First closed session:

Gazit defends banker's right to privacy

By AARON SITTNER

JERUSALEM Post Reporter

Giora Gazit — chairman of Bank Hapoalim's management committee — yesterday reminded the Bejski Inquiry Commission that in his relations with his customers, a banker demands the same right to privacy as a doctor does in his ties with patients.

"I'm sorry, but I will not answer those questions in public. Perhaps you will permit me to give you the two replies in writing."

Gazit's confrontation with the commission came on the fourth day of its hearings into the way Israeli commercial banks regulated the prices of their capital shares. The regulation aimed to "guarantee" shareholders a high rate of return, while at the same time nominally enriching the banks' balance sheets by showing substantial amounts of money invested in the bank's equities.

It was Gazit's second straight day before the panel. Like the previous

day, his replies were qualified with such remarks as "If I recall correctly..." or "The real meaning of what we told your investigators was..."

Yesterday was the first time that a witness refused to answer questions. It occurred when a member of the panel — Tel Aviv University Prof. Ze'ev Hirsch, one of the country's leading authorities on financial markets — asked Gazit two questions regarding Bank Hapoalim's massive importation of foreign currency

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Mr. Stanley Kerr

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CONTACT MR. KERR AT THE DAN HOTEL, TEL AVIV, 03-241111, suite 504

Mr. Kerr will welcome calls from today, through March 28. Inquiries may otherwise be made through the IATC's representatives in Israel, Mr. Ben Sichel, and Mr. Menasha Gullish of the Israel-Australia Marketing Co., Tel Aviv, (03) 734257.

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BIRMINGHAM	8	12	3	37	Sun
CHICAGO	3	17	43	109	Clear
COPENHAGEN	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
GENEVA	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
HONG KONG	15	25	59	105	Cloudy
LOS ANGELES	12	24	54	129	Bale
LONDON	2	10	3	37	Cloudy
MADRID	10	20	50	122	Cloudy
MONTREAL	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
NEW YORK	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
OSLO	2	10	3	37	Cloudy
PARIS	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	26	28	79	82	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	17	25	63	105	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	4	20	1	34	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy; slightly warmer.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	52	10-14	14
Golan	37	10-15	15
Safed	43	8-12	13
Haifa Port	57	14-18	19
Tiberias	69	11-22	23
Nazareth	—	12-16	18
Atula	37	10-20	21
Sharm	42	11-16	16
Tel Aviv	42	15-20	21
B-G Airport	53	15-19	21
Jericho	46	12-25	26
Gaza	59	16-19	21
Beersheba	45	15-20	22
Eilat	28	13-28	29

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The British ambassador, William Squire, was awarded the B'nai B'rith medallion at a ceremony at the B'nai B'rith House in Tel Aviv last night.

Dr. Hans-Jochen Vogel, head of the SPD Bundestag faction, and a delegation from the SPD party, including Dr. Gerhard Jahn, Vogel's deputy in the Bundestag faction and chairman of the Israel Friendship Society in the German Labour party; Heinz Westphal, deputy speaker, Bundestag; Dr. Helga Timmer, party whip; Helmut Rohde, member Bundestag; and Guenther Schultz, Vogel's political adviser, were received yesterday at Jerusalem city hall by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

A ceremony was held yesterday to mark the opening of the Yemima Centre for children's literature, named after Israeli children's book writer and Israel Prize winner Yemima Tschernomir. The centre, at Beit Berl, will conduct research into children's literature and hold seminars for teachers and students.

Benno Gitter will speak on the inter-relationship between the Jews in the Diaspora and Israel at the Rotary club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel at 1.15 p.m. today.

In Memoriam

A memorial service for Labour elder David Hachoben, who died a year ago, is to be held at Haifa City Hall at 6.30 tonight.

KATIF

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Most of the meeting in Gaza - Rabin's first as defence minister - was devoted to a prolonged exposure of the municipality's problems presented in Arabic and translated sentence by sentence into Hebrew.

Acting Mayor Mamzash Turkma went into such detail as the need to replace 40 old cars being used by the municipality.

Rabin promised to do what he could and made it clear he would seek foreign aid. He told reporters later that governments and organizations are interested in Israel to improve the residents' quality of life should provide some material assistance to implement development projects.

Rabin specifically mentioned the U.S. and just before he got into his car, the acting mayor mentioned Saudi Arabia. Turkma said that five years ago Saudi Arabia had sent Gaza \$5 million, but the money is lying in a bank in Amman because the defence minister at the time, Ariel Sharon, would not let it through.

Turkma asked Rabin to permit the transfer and the minister agreed to consider the matter.

Rabin was asked to help develop the Katif area which now includes 360 families. Reuven Rosenblatt, the regional council leader, asked for major assistance to increase the number of families to 1,500, explaining that at later stages people would invest their own money.

Rabin said the Katif region, along with other settlements along the border and in confrontation lines, deserve special help.

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HOME NEWS

Bank of Israel says:

First package eased pressure on reserves

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Package Deal eased public pressure on foreign currency reserves, according to an official document released yesterday by the Bank of Israel. The public's monthly purchases of foreign currency during the last quarter of 1984 averaged \$72 million as compared with \$200 million in the previous nine months, the document says.

The central bank's economists say the public's demand for foreign currency continued to be small during the first two months of this year. They say the recent drop in foreign currency reserves was due to government repayment of foreign debts.

The report states that the package deal also brought down inflation, but warns that without further cuts in the budget, and the rehabilitation of the tax system, there is little chance of

making the improvement in the economic situation permanent.

The bank economists say budget cuts are needed to improve the balance of payments situation. They add that there is no clear direct link between the government's deficit and the rate of inflation.

According to the officials, in the short run it is possible to bring down inflation to almost nil by cutting \$500 million from the budget and freezing prices, wages and the rate of exchange. But to prevent a crisis in the balance of payments, it is necessary to slash the budget by an additional \$1b.

The officials say the recent drop in foreign currency reserves will continue in the coming months, but his was expected, due in part to seasonal factors. They add that by the last quarter of the year the reserves will increase again.

Police hold two suspects in murder of British engineer

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A 35-year-old Austrian woman, who was arrested at Ben-Gurion Airport on Tuesday afternoon, has led police to a suspect in the murder of British engineer George Lloyd.

Lloyd, who worked for Israel Aircraft Industries, was found stabbed to death in his Ramat Gan apartment on Saturday night.

After questioning, the woman led the police to her boyfriend, a 27-year-old Austrian tourist, who was staying at a Tel Aviv hotel. He was taken into custody.

Police said that on Saturday night, after examining Lloyd's apartment at 33 Rehov Hama'agal, they knew that a man and a woman had been in the apartment about the time of the murder.

Police were called to the apart-

ment at 10:45 p.m., after Lloyd had been found by his flatmate, Tony Clark.

Clark later helped police sketch a drawing of the woman and detectives were posted at the airport to look for her.

On Tuesday afternoon, one of the detectives saw the woman in the terminal about to leave for Austria.

After she was arrested, she told the police that she and her boyfriend had come to Israel early in December. She said she knew Lloyd and had come to say goodbye as she was returning to Austria.

She said that during the visit Lloyd made a pass at her in front of her boyfriend. He lost his temper and stabbed Lloyd, the woman said.

The two hurriedly left the apartment and the man threw the knife away in a nearby park, she said.

Bid to save Galei Zahal news

By ASHER WALLFISH
and GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The special Knesset committee for the defence budget voted unanimously yesterday to appeal to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy not to close the news division at Galei Zahal, the IDF radio station.

Both Rabin and Levy confirmed earlier this week that the decision to close the news division on April 1 is final. The official reason given is that cutbacks are being made in many areas not directly related to defence, and that the news division is among several projects to be halted with the objective of saving on expenditure.

However, the special Knesset committee, a joint body of the Finance, Foreign Affairs and Defence committees convened under the

chairmanship of Pessah Grupper (Likud), believes that the Galei Zahal news division is being closed for other reasons.

It noted that with a total defence budget of \$4 billion there should be no problem in finding the \$250,000 needed to keep the news operation going.

Grupper hopes to exploit a new demand by the IDF to raise regular salaries by 8 per cent. Jacques Amir (Labour) said that if it were only a matter of finance, the solution would be simple.

The 10 per cent salary cut which Knesset Members agreed to accept last year could be reintroduced this year, and the total amount waived could be channelled towards the budget required for maintaining Galei Zahal's news division, Amir added.

Armed robber posed as terrorist

TEL AVIV (Itim). - One of four Arabs accused of carrying out armed robberies in Judea and Samaria while posing as terrorists went on trial yesterday in district court here.

Abdel-Jani Asli, 25, of Kafar Kari, is charged with carrying out a robbery with three other gang members in the village of Jallout on November 21, 1984.

The prosecution said that the four, masked and armed with stolen IDF Uzi submachine guns and pistols, forced their way into the home of storeowner Mohammed Ismail

Mohammed. They accused him of collaborating with Israeli authorities and then made off with money and gold jewelry.

When a local taxi driver refused to drive them from the village, the gang members allegedly slashed the tires of his vehicle.

Asli is also charged with taking part in a robbery in the village of Sajirya on December 12, 1984.

The prosecution asked the court to order the remand of Asli until the end of proceedings against him. The court is to rule on this tomorrow.

3 brothers guilty of smuggling hashish

HAIFA (Itim). - Three brothers were found guilty in district court here yesterday of smuggling 7.5 tons of hashish over a four-year period into Israel. Sentencing was postponed pending a report by a probation officer.

The brothers, Basim Shaykh, 29, a teacher, Nouaf, 25, a stone-cutter, and Yuda, 27, a truck-driver, were convicted on the basis of testimony by another member of the ring, Eliezer Malahi, of Beit Yanai, who turned state witness.

The ring's hashish smuggling be-

gan in 1979 with the throwing of several kilograms from Lebanon into Israel over the Good Fence. The ring was captured in April 1973 when border guards found nearly three tons of hashish inside an Israeli water-truck coming from Lebanon.

The water-truck driver, Avraham Wanger, of the village of Gan Shomron, is serving a six-year sentence for transporting 4.8 tons of hashish into Israel on four earlier runs, for each of which he was paid \$15,000. Wanger's testimony was used to corroborate that of the state witness.

FREE TRADE PACT

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to Brock's office, told the committee that the Israelis would prefer the president to have full authority without the need to return to Congress.

Objections to the free trade agreement were voiced at a hearing before the Senate finance committee by trade representatives fearing injury to their business from imports, and from the National Association of Arab Americans.

Maria McCrea Segal, the association's coordinator for corporate affairs, questioned why Israel was selected "instead of a country with greater export potential for American goods and services."

"We believe that there are a num-

ber of Arab countries, which have long provided a market for American products, that are seeking to promote their export industries and would welcome the opportunity to explore new trade possibilities with the United States," she said.

Officials of radical states meet in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP). - High-ranking officials from Syria, Libya, Algeria and South Yemen met here yesterday amid reports that the four nations plan to revive efforts to block any Arab peace settlement with Israel.

No agenda was announced, but Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was quoted on Tuesday as saying that a "strategic Arab unity" conference was in the offing.

There have also been published reports in recent days that the four nations - which are the main allies of the Soviet Union in the Middle East - are considering revitalizing the so-called "steadfastness and confrontation front" established in 1979.



Hundreds of flower growers from moshavim demonstrate outside the Finance Ministry yesterday, demanding that the government honour its agreement to compensate them for losses resulting from the difference between the exchange rates of European currencies and the dollar. The demonstrators threw hundreds of flowers at policemen and Treasury workers, but broke the stems first - so the flowers couldn't be used. About an hour after the demonstration began, the Treasury said it would pay the flower growers more than \$10 million between April and July. (Eliahu Harari)

Reagan reaffirms backing for Soviet Jews

WASHINGTON. - President Reagan yesterday reaffirmed his support for Soviet Jewry during a White House meeting with a delegation of Jewish leaders.

He promised, according to participants present during the closed-door meeting, to continue to raise the issue during all high-level exchanges with the Soviets.

Reagan also reportedly said he was anxious to meet personally with the new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Reagan received six rabbis and a lay leader, representing Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Judaism. They had come to Washington - together with over 200 other rabbis - to participate in the Third Annual Congressional Fast and Prayer Vigil for Soviet Jewry.

Scores of congressmen rallied outside the Capitol along with the rabbis to denounce Soviet treatment of Jews and urge the Reagan administration to keep the

issue in the forefront in dealing with Moscow.

The day-long series of events, co-sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Synagogue Council of America, included speeches by leading congressmen and others. Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenfeld held a reception for the group at the embassy.

The Jewish leaders thanked Reagan for the administration's efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry, while at the same time urging him to continue to raise the issue with the Soviet leadership. Reagan is said to have agreed.

Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, vice-chairman of the conference, said: "We, who represent religious Jewry, will not remain silent."

He was joined in the meeting by Rabbis Alexander Schindler, Louis Bernstein, Mordechai Waxman, Gunther Plant, and Alexander Shapiro and Conservative lay leader Marshall Wolke.

INDUSTRIALISTS

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cause carp is marketed by Tnuva, a Histadrut-owned company.

The Manufacturers Association yesterday empowered work committee chairman Uzi Netanel to continue negotiating with the Histadrut for an agreement on the amount of the C-o-L increment to be paid with this month's salaries.

Netanel told The Post last night that the two sides still differed on the sum that should be deducted from the increment under the conditions of the second package deal. The difference between the two is a little more than 1 per cent.

Netanel said that he expected an agreement to be reached within a day or two - "though we've said that before." He rejected the Histadrut's contention that the manufacturers were digging in on the C-o-L increment in order to pressure the Histadrut into accepting price rises. "When they begin to keep to agreements, they can come to teach us ethics," he said.

The Histadrut's position is that payment of the increment is covered by the two-year national framework agreement, and that those employers who refuse to pay the 13.2 per cent increment will be legally obliged to pay 19.2 per cent - the full increment without the deductions contained in the second package deal.

The Histadrut will also insist today that the Treasury adjust tax brackets and children's allowances by 100 per cent, despite the failure of the Histadrut and the manufacturers to agree on the amount of the increment.

The Treasury's threat not to adjust the brackets unless an agreement was signed was "an attempt to evade its responsibilities," said Ephraim Jilani, Histadrut repre-

Peres, Doron soft pedal coalition rift

Prime Minister Shimon Peres last night met MK Sara Doron (Liberal), head of the Likud coalition executive, and both downplayed reports of coalition frictions.

Peres told an Israeli TV interviewer that the coalition had been set up to tackle the weighty issues of Lebanon and the state of the economy. Only a very controversial subject such as peace with Jordan may lead to the breakup of the government, he said.

Minister Haim Corfu (Herut) yesterday also played down the rift between the Labour Party and the Likud, saying the public wrangling between the two parties should not be taken too seriously.

Corfu, speaking at a luncheon in Haifa following a meeting with Mayor Arye Gurel, said he is not unduly concerned about the future of the coalition.

There is no alternative to the coalition, he said, and everybody has to do his utmost to ensure the government works well.

PRICE HIKES

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According to government sources, it was decided that the prices of subsidized basic foodstuffs will be raised beyond the average increase. According to the sources, there was no discussion about the rates of increase of prices and the benchmark date.

The ministers decided to strengthen the control on prices and the summary trials of price offenders.

In a related development, the Treasury last night said it was still waiting for the labour federation and the private employers to reach an agreement on the rate of the C-o-L increment to adjust tax brackets. The ministry added that it was hopeful an agreement would be reached.

Furthermore, subsidies were reduced twice in January and again in early February, which also contributed to the 13.5 per cent index rise.

Amorai said that steps have been taken to intensify tax collection, and that the new budget envisaged a decline in the share of tax revenue from employees and a rise in that of companies.

"If anything (in the deal) has to be improved, let's sit down and improve it," he said. "But only by agreement."

Kessar agreed to Amorai's request that he suffice with Amorai's reply, this was tantamount to withdrawing his motion.

Kibbutz body doesn't want Yahad taken into Labour

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur yesterday demanded a reassessment of moves to co-opt Ezer Weizman's Yahad party into Labour.

The United Kibbutz Movement (UKM), whose cabinet representative Tsur is, opposes any deal with Weizman and went on record with its opposition months ago.

The UKM says that bringing Weizman and his Yahad colleagues into Labour would do "irreparable damage to the party. The ideological line that Labour had always stood for, will now be all the more blurred. Labour cannot furnish a political roof of convenience for all sorts of assorted political nomads."

Some groups in labour argued that the kibbutz opposition to Weizman is in fact the opposition of the Rabin camp. Weizman is seen as getting closer and closer to Premier Peres, and Defence Minister Rabin would therefore not like to see him in the party adding to Peres's increasing power.

Rabin, it is said in Labour, is now the strongest advocate of fulfilling Labour's obligation for a rotation with the Likud. He would like to see Peres out of the Prime Minister's Office.

But there is opposition to Weizman from other quarters. Former Labour MK Michael Bar-Zohar, for example, has appealed to Labour secretary-general Uzi Baram not to guarantee Weizman any safe slots on the Labour slate of Knesset candidates. Bar-Zohar notes that the agreement contracted with Weizman after the last elections is not legal, since it had not been submitted for the approval of any Labour party forum.

Weizman's Yahad movement is seen as on the eve of total collapse. The party's secretariat will convene soon to decide on its future, but first Weizman will seek to get more guarantees from Peres.

Yahad will either be merged into Labour or will replace Mapam in the Alignment. In any case, Weizman wants one of the first three slots on the Labour list for himself, a demand which is sure to stir a hornet's nest among Labour's many would be leaders.

Following the elections, Peres undertook to guarantee Weizman four of the first 47 slots on the Alignment's next Knesset list. In the 1984 elections, Yahad barely squeezed three MK's through on its own.

Haj pilgrimage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The number of Israeli Moslems making the Haj pilgrimage to Mecca this year is expected to reach a record following the decision yesterday by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz to ease the exit and re-entry requirements for the trip.

Until now, the permits were issued only once to persons wishing to make the pilgrimage. From now on any Israeli Moslem, over 35, may go on the pilgrimage as often as he wants. The age limit is due to security considerations.

Deadline for applying for the travel permits has been extended to April 15.

TV newsmen returns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Veteran television newsmen Eli Nissan, who at the beginning of this week was suspended for a fortnight by Yosef Baril, TV's acting director, won a reprieve yesterday.

Yielding to appeals made on Nissan's behalf by news head Yair Stern and members of the journalistic works committee, Baril rescinded his earlier order.

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HOME NEWS

Moda'i plans steps to prevent budget-busting

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday promised that legal and administrative measures would be taken to prevent overstepping the 1985/86 budget.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Certified Public Accountants, the minister added that "we also plan to introduce quarterly budgets, to help tighten control of the economy as a whole, and of specific ministries. Quarterly budgets will allow us to pinpoint any over-spending, and help to catch trends, both favourable and unfavourable, at a much earlier date, so appropriate steps can be taken to encourage the favourable, to discourage the unfavourable."

He added that the quarterly

arrangement would also help reduce much of the "uncertainty" in economic and financial planning, since before a quarter started, there would be a clear statement on many factors, including the rate of devaluation, the interest rates, subsidy cuts, and so on.

The government would also present two draft laws to help keep budgetary expenditures within stated limits, Moda'i said. The first was the much discussed law allowing officials (but not ministers) who over-spend to be punished with "administrative retribution." The second proposed law would regulate the amount of money the Bank of Israel could lend the government.

If the sum now being printed was \$2 billion a year, it would be reduced by law in the next budget year to \$1.5

billion, by half this sum in the following budgetary year, and in the year after that "printing of money would be zero," the finance minister said.

Moda'i spoke about his attempts in the U.S., which were finally more or less successful, to get the Americans to understand Israel's special financial situation where everything was "linked," and thus any devaluation would only lead to faster inflation.

He noted that the recent report by the International Monetary Fund had given Israel "good marks and bad marks."

The "good marks" were for reducing the adverse balance of trade, reducing consumption, and getting better controls over financial means. The "bad marks" were for letting the foreign currency reserve dwindle,

and not being able to bring financial markets under better control.

The finance minister pointed out that the government was planning to fight inflation and increase financial reserves by continuing to reduce the amount of money the public had at its disposal, and by increasing the cost of governmental services.

Moreover, the government was trying to protect savings, so that the public would not tap these to increase the funds it had available to spend.

Simultaneously, the government was trying to reduce foreign currency expenditures by making foreign travel more expensive. Those who have the money to go would leave much more in the government's hands in the form of taxes collected, he said.



Entertainer Danny Kaye hams it up at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. Kaye will receive a medal for international volunteer work this afternoon from Mrs. Aura Herzog, at the closing session of the First Jerusalem International Conference on Volunteering. Other recipients include Sallie Lewis, wife of the outgoing U.S. ambassador, Peace Ship operator Abie Nathan and, by proxy, Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

Prison term proposed for denying Holocaust

Anyone who denies that the Holocaust took place, or that six million Jews were killed in it, will be subject to three years in prison under a bill that passed its preliminary reading in the Knesset yesterday.

Elazar Granot (Mapam), who initiated the bill, said that it has become fashionable for Nazis and other anti-Semites to make such denials.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim gave the bill his blessing, and it was referred to the Knesset Law Committee. The bill is an amendment to the Law on the Punishment of Nazis and their Accomplices.

Nissim also agreed with Shevah Weiss (Alignment) that the Auschwitz bill, now before the West German Bundestag is unsatisfactory to Israel.

Weiss said the bill, like Granot's, makes it a crime to claim that the Nazis did not murder Jews in the death camps. But the bill also makes it illegal to claim that crimes were not committed against Germans by terror regimes. He said this apparently refers to the forcible transfer of millions of Germans from the eastern areas of the Third Reich at the end of World War II.

Nissim agreed with Weiss that this "symmetry" was intolerable. Bonn was not doing Israel a favour by passing the bill, and if it insisted on equating the two subjects, Israel's only reaction could be that no law at all is preferable, he said.

"If today's Germany doesn't understand the difference between the two," Nissim said, "then woe to Germany, and woe to mankind!"

The Knesset adopted his suggestion that it take note of the statements by Weiss and himself, and that the speaker of the Bundestag be informed of the Knesset's view.

person before skin can be removed for storage in a skin bank.

She said the present situation is "absurd." Since there is no skin bank today, precious time is wasted in notifying the families of deceased persons.

Arbeli said that no skin bank had ever actually functioned in Israel. What Hadassah closed last year was a skin bank in name only, "a bank without donors," she said.

She expressed the hope that the planned amendment would be acceptable to the religious Knesset factions, and noted with satisfaction that the chief rabbis do not rule out the accumulation of skin for use in time of need.

Demolition

Nissim confirmed yesterday that while a demolition order was being executed recently against an illegally built structure in Wadi Ara (between Hadera and Afula), an order came from Minister Ezer Weizman (Yahad-Alignment) who is in charge of Arab affairs, to halt the demolition.

Replying to a parliamentary question by Rafael Eitan (Tehiya), Nissim said such an action was "unacceptable and improper." The attorney-general would see to it that the court's order was carried out, he said.

Idleness of NII funds threatens old-age care

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If the Knesset does not pass a law regulating the disbursement of funds collected over the past five years from salaries by the National Insurance Institute, the Health Ministry next year will be forced to curtail care for the aged and the chronically ill, and to reduce the number of nursing-home beds. This was stated yesterday by Deputy Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post Arbeli said that the Treasury is blocking efforts to pass a law on this matter. According to Arbeli the Treasury is not concerned over the use this money — some 1570 billion — is put to, but only over its entry into the cash flow, which is undesirable in an inflationary economy.

Arbeli also said that the Health Ministry insists that once the law is passed, it must take effect immediately. The Treasury wants to wait two

years before implementation. Arbeli said that the old and the sick have already waited five years and that a wait of two more years is ridiculous. "The Health Ministry also insists that once a person has been found eligible for a nursing-care stipend, he receive it either to pay for home care or institutionalization. The Labour Ministry wants payment to stop if a person is institutionalized."

Arbeli said that it is "unthinkable that anyone can oppose the disbursement of these funds at a time when more than 1,000 old people are waiting for a bed in a nursing home."

As for psychiatric services, Arbeli said that the focus today is on more community services for the mentally ill, including more day-care centres and more hostels. Among the changes planned is the dispersal of the chronic mentally ill from facilities in Kfar Shaul in Jerusalem and of Tirat Hacarmel in Haifa to the psychiatric hospital in Beersheba which is only about half occupied and to hospitals

in Jerusalem and the coastal plain. The Kfar Shaul facility will then become a psychiatric rehabilitation centre and the Tirat Hacarmel facility will become a hostel for the mentally ill, where they can stay after release from the hospital. The Neve-On facility in Bnei Brak will be closed and its patients hospitalized elsewhere.

Arbeli also said that despite budgetary restrictions school health programmes which she described as "indiscreetly bad," must be improved. But improvements, she said, can only be made if a realistic fee is charged for health services and not the current \$500 per year per pupil.

Arbeli predicted a major confrontation with the Treasury over funds for aids to the handicapped. At the present handicapped person are on a waiting list for wheelchairs, artificial limbs, hearing aids and other equipment. Arbeli said that the Treasury refuses to provide funds for these aids which the ministry sees as intolerable.

Anti-Arab bias is denied by Haifa U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Haifa University administration yesterday emphatically rejected allegations that it is prejudiced against Arab students.

Reacting to charges by the Arab students, University Rector Prof. Uriel Rappaport declared there was not and never had been discrimination against any group or individuals on the campus.

He accused a minority of Arab students of initiating trouble to provoke the administration into taking action against them.

He was referring to last week's sit-in by about 100 students, mainly Arabs, in the university's main building. Police were called to restore order, and several people, including four policemen, were injured when the students refused to disperse.

The Arab students cited this and a university disciplinary panel's decision to ban two Arabs from studies for terms of one and two semesters, because of their part in disruptions on the campus, as examples of the administration's "iron fist" policy.

The Arab students met again yesterday to press their demands for the release of six people arrested during last week's protest and cancellation of the disciplinary panel's decision.

Deputy Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli said yesterday that the ministry is preparing an amendment to the Anatomy and Pathology Law that will explicitly permit the establishment of a skin bank.

Replying to an urgent parliamentary question by Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui), Arbeli said that according to one school of legal thought, the present law requires the consent of the family of a deceased

Under the present law, 30 signatures are required for a special session. In the present union government, the opposition consists of 23 MKs.

Nissim said that the present make-up of the Knesset warranted a change, but that it should be in the nature of a "temporary provision." But he said that the number of opposition MKs required for convening a special session should be set at something like 20.

Book on U.S. inactivity in Holocaust wins award

NEW YORK (AP). — An account of American inactivity in the face of the Nazi Holocaust is the winner of this year's *Preserve the Past* literary award for history, it was announced Tuesday.

The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust, 1941-1945, by David Wyman, was one of five works on Jewish themes hon-

oured by the magazine published by the American Jewish Committee.

Others receiving awards included Primo Levi, for *The Periodic Table*, an autobiography; Raymond Rosenzweig, for translating Levi's book; A.B. Yehoshua, for *A Late Divorce*, fiction; and Samuel Heilman, for *The Gate Behind the Wall: A Pilgrimage to Jerusalem*, religious thought.

No prosecution over Arafat meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has accepted the police recommendation not to prosecute members of a Progressive List for Peace delegation who met PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis last month.

In an announcement published yesterday, Zamir concludes that members of the delegation, including MKs Mohammed Miar and Matityahu Peled, had a "reasonable explanation" for their meeting and did not have specific intent to harm the security of the state as stipulated in Section 114 of the Penal Code.

Miar and Peled had reportedly explained that the meeting was motivated by their political beliefs on resolving the conflict with the Palestinians.

Early in February, a six-man PLO delegation met with Arafat and other PLO leaders in Tunis. Zamir

ordered the police to investigate the affair after the delegation announced on its return that the meeting had taken place. The police were told to examine whether there were grounds to prosecute on charges of contact with an enemy agent.

Zamir and the police conclude that a previous High Court ruling required the prosecution to prove "specific intent to harm state security" and not mere intent to meet the enemy.

Rabbi re-elected

Bucharest newspapers yesterday reported that Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen had been re-elected to the Rumanian parliament for a seventh term.

Rosen has been a member of parliament since 1957. (Itim).

NII workers set to strike over job duties, pay demand

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Workers at National Insurance Institute branch offices are to strike for three days, starting Sunday, in protest against a Treasury proposal to combine income tax and NII salary deductions and in support of their demand for higher salaries.

The Treasury proposal, based on a decision of the Ministerial Economic Committee three months ago, would combine the separate deductions on a wage-earner's pay slip for income tax and NII payments. The NII branch workers who administer the deductions consider the proposal a threat to their jobs.

The opposition to the Treasury plan apparently also triggered a demand for a wage increase. Both issues were the focus of a slowdown in branch offices on Monday. Subsequent efforts by Histadrut negotiators failed to avert the strike call.

But a senior NII official yesterday cast doubt on whether the strike was needed or would serve any purpose. First, the official said, the NII wage scale is subject to a binding national agreement. Second, the Treasury proposal is basically unworkable, since thousands of workers who pay money to the NII are exempt from income tax. The proposal is far from being carried out.

Shas hopes to see Peres on funding

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The leaders of Shas and Agudat Yisrael hope to meet Prime Minister Shimon Peres to complain about non-payment of allocations to religious institutions.

Shas leaders tried, but failed, to meet Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday to discuss the criteria for the allocations. Moda'i informed them that only the Likud committee cabinet ministers Moda'i, Moshe Nissim (Justice), Haim Corbin (Transport) and Yitzhak Shamir (Foreign Affairs) who handled the coalition negotiations with the religious parties can deal with the issue.

The religious parties object to having Moda'i and Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg (National Religious Party) determine the criteria

and insist on having a hand in formulating them.

Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he intends forming a Shas, Agudat Yisrael and Morasha Committee to determine their own criteria.

It was learned that Shas leaders are under pressure by yeshiva heads all over the country to change the existing regulations for allocation of funds. They fear that NRP institutions will get most of the money because the Religious Affairs Ministry, headed by Burg, is responsible for the allocation.

The religious parties also insist that the new criteria apply not only to religious institutions, but to all the secular institutions receiving funds from the government.

Panel wants police to probe boy's death

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A commission of inquiry appointed by the Education Ministry to look into the death last month of Jerusalem schoolboy Doron Turgenman has recommended that the police investigate the matter and decide whether those responsible should be prosecuted.

Doron, 9, disappeared during a group swimming lesson at the Kiryat Hayovel community centre which was organized by teachers at a state religious school. His body was found at the bottom of the pool and attempts to resuscitate him failed.

The commission, headed by Inspector of Schools Ya'acov Cohen, said the incident should be investigated but added that there may have been medical reasons for the accident and that the pupil or his family may not have alerted the school to the problem.

French assembly head due Sunday for visit

Post Knesset Correspondent

Luis Mermaz, president of the French National Assembly, arrives on Sunday for a week's visit as a guest of Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel.

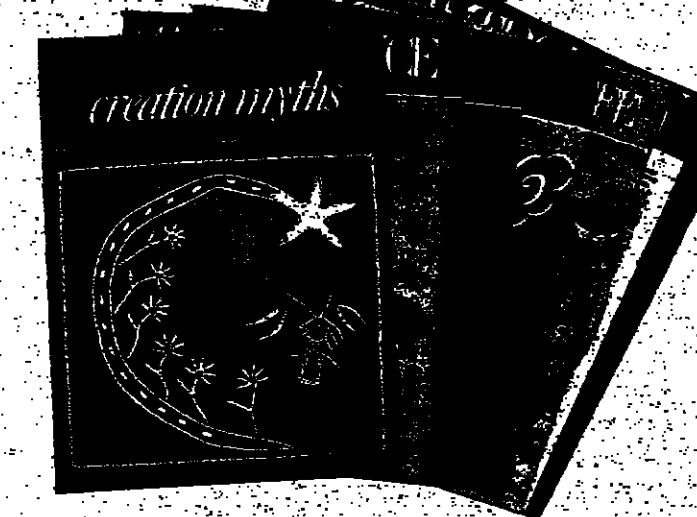
Mermaz will meet President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Shi-

New Bialik Forest

BEN SHEMEN (Itim). — Members of the Jewish National Fund's student council have planted the first 200 trees in the new Bialik Forest, an extension of the Ben Shemen Forest near Modi'in.

The 200 members of the student council who planted trees on Tuesday had collected IS4.5 million for the new forest in a special campaign to mark the education system's "Bialik year" in memory of poet Haim Nahman Bialik. Pupils from schools which participated in the campaign are to plant the rest of the 10,000 trees planned for the forest.

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Farrell of NY Times

Jerusalem Post Reporter

William Farrell, one-time Jerusalem bureau chief for The New York Times, died of cancer on Sunday in New York. He was 48.

Farrell had also served as Times bureau chief in Beirut and Cairo. Among the stories he covered were the Sadat trip to Jerusalem and the assassination of the Egyptian president. A 23-year veteran with The Times, Farrell most recently was a Washington columnist.

He is survived by his wife, the former Linda Gorenberg, and three children.

School vacations

The Education Ministry and the teachers' unions yesterday retracted their decision of Tuesday which would have changed the dates of the Pessah and Independence Day vacations.

After many requests from the public and various institutions, the ministry and the teachers reconsidered. As a result, the Pessah recess will start Wednesday, March 27, and classes will resume on Sunday, April 14.

Classes will be held as usual on Friday, April 26, the day after Independence Day.

Will computer replace graphologist?

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In an age when computers have begun to take the place of paper and the hand-penned love-note is becoming obsolete, graphologists are seeing the handwriting on the wall. Experts in the study of handwriting are using computers to analyze personality characteristics.

This was one of the aspects of graphology discussed in the first international conference on "Experiencing Graphology" that will hold its fourth and final day of lectures at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel today.

Participants in the conference from Israel, the U.S. and Europe — a Polish graphologist who was due to attend was prevented by the authorities from making the trip — disagreed on whether the computer will soon replace the graphologist in analyzing handwriting.

Yitzhak Perry of Jerusalem, a former Kol Yisrael news announcer, provides graphological services to the country's largest banks, as well as kibbutzim and other institutions. Using his home computer, he has created a programme that he claims can analyze handwriting, samples and rate, on a 1 to 100 score, some

dozen different personality characteristics.

He also believes that graphologists, with or without computers, can detect disease like cancer, and can also determine whether a woman is pregnant, even in the early stages.

But other participants in the congress, like Patricia Siegel of the New School for Social Research in New York, are more conservative.

Siegel, who specializes in the writing of the left-handed (of which she is one), sees graphology as an important tool. "It has a tremendous amount to offer, but we must be cautious in saying what it can or cannot tell you. It should be part of a whole battery of tests and procedures, including a face-to-face interview."

The congress was organized by the Israel Society of Scientific Graphology, headed by Dr. Arie Naftali. The society has just 18 members, each of whom must hold an academic degree in the behavioural sciences and pass a rigorous graphology exam in English or German. Hanna Koren, one of the country's best-known graphologists, is not a member as she does not have a degree.

Naftali believes that charlatans are hurting the profession. He is also

furiously at researchers at the Hebrew University's psychology department who recently conducted studies that found laymen could guess successfully about personality characteristics as well as graphologists can do.

Ursula A'Ve-Lallemant, a German graphologist who is also a psychologist, conducted a study of 1,000 Israeli kindergarten children, using a development test in which the youngsters must draw stars and waves. She found that Israeli kids develop mentally at least a half-year faster than German children of the same age.

The use of graphology in testing the effects of drugs on hyperactive children was described by Sara Cohen, who has degrees in biology, physiology and education and works at the Oramin family clinic in Tivon. She presented handwriting by children with behavioural and learning disturbances before and after they were treated with drugs by a physician.

The samples clearly show increased discipline and concentration after treatment, and are used in following up the effectiveness of treatment. Graphological testing a year before children enter school, says Cohen, would help detect problems that could then be treated early.

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Vandals strike on eve of Sharpeville anniversary

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Vandals damaged a clinic in a black ghetto yesterday, a day before the 25th anniversary of one of South Africa's bloodiest anti-apartheid protests, police said.

They said the vandals burned files and sprayed slogans of the banned guerrilla group fighting apartheid, the African National Congress. The clinic is in the black community of Sharpeville, where at least 60 blacks died when police opened fire on protesters on March 21, 1960. More than 170 suffered wounds.

The Sharpeville killings marked a turning point in the struggle against white-minority rule. Many blacks have since turned to violence after whites ignored years of peaceful opposition. A doctor testified at an inquest into the Sharpeville bloodshed that 52 of the dead had been shot in the back.

Police said they opened fire after a

crowd of blacks surrounded a police station. Residents of the community were taking part in a national protest against laws forcing blacks to carry passes allowing them into white areas.

Thousands of blacks threw away their pass books, or refused to carry them, then demanded to be arrested.

Services recalling Sharpeville are scheduled around the country at a time when South Africa says it is reforming its racial policies. The country is also plagued by a fresh wave of unrest that started in September and has killed almost 200 blacks in violence that has virtually become a daily event.

The latest trouble began in Sharpeville, located outside the industrial city of Vereeniging, 81 kilometers south of Johannesburg, when residents and police clashed over proposed rent increases.

Reagan wins first MX votes; Congress voting 3 more times

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — With a victory in the Senate behind him, President Reagan faces three more votes in Congress before funding for 21 more of the controversial MX nuclear missiles can be released.

The Senate voted 55-45 on Tuesday to approve production of a second batch of 21 of the 10-warhead weapons which, with a range of 12,800 km, can reach most of the Soviet Union.

The unexpectedly wide margin of approval for the \$1.5 billion second stage in the MX programme was greeted as a victory by the administration and a sign that Reagan will win a second Senate vote today and two in the House of Representatives next week.

Reagan hailed Tuesday's vote as a "message of American resolve to the world," and called on the House to duplicate "this demonstration of America's determination to achieve effective deterrence and significant arms reduction."

Reagan, who wants to build another 48 MXs next year to complete his land-based intercontinental ballistic missile arsenal, has launched a major lobbying effort for the MX.

In speeches, personal telephone calls and meetings, Reagan told Congress that continued production of the missile was needed to strengthen the U.S. bargaining position at the newly resumed Geneva arms control negotiations.

Troops mobilized to oppose Bolivia's striking miners

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP). — Troops and tanks were mobilized and air force planes flew over the city yesterday after striking miners and workers set up road blocks to add further emphasis to their job action that has paralyzed Bolivia's productive sector for 13 days.

It is the first time since President Hernan Siles Zuazo took over in October 1982 as the country's first popularly elected president in 18 years that the army has been deployed.

Siles Zuazo ordered the move at a meeting on Tuesday night with the joint chiefs of staff. Tanks, troops and national guard units armed with rifles and tear-gas canisters were posted at roadways leading to La Paz and near the presidential palace, eye-witnesses said.

The army went into action one day after at least 10,000 miners blocked the streets of La Paz for seven hours, bringing traffic to a halt and forcing businesses to close. Miners were also reported to have detonated dynamite sticks downtown.

The Labour Confederation has shut down the country's product sector to demand wage increases in the range of 400 to 500 per cent to be adjusted according to inflation.

EC to meet for fifth day on Iberian entry

BRUSSELS (AP). — Jacques Delors, chief executive of the European Economic Community, said yesterday he expects EEC foreign ministers to hold an unscheduled fifth straight day of talks today to settle terms of membership for Spain and Portugal.

A fourth and planned final day of discussions yesterday appeared to be making progress toward agreement on the main issues, Delors said.

The outcome of the discussions could determine whether the Iberian nations join the world's largest trading bloc on January 1, 1986 as scheduled. Without agreement soon on entry terms, the member countries' parliaments may have too little time to ratify the accession treaties before January, officials say.

Some EEC officials have said that if the target date is missed, the six-year-long enlargement effort could be forced into suspension.

The most hotly disputed item under discussion is access for Spain's large commercial fishing fleet to EEC waters.

Martens wins backing on U.S. missiles

BRUSSELS (AP). — The Belgian parliament handed the centre-right government of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens a major victory yesterday when it voted 116 to 93 to support the decision to deploy cruise missiles at a southern Belgian air base.

There was one abstention. Opposition socialists vowed to remove the missiles if they can form a government after the December general elections.

Martens said the deployment of the cruise missiles here "is essential for the NATO alliance and our country." If it is the right decision, "the future will show," he added.

The threat of a revolt against the missiles from within Martens' own Flemish-speaking Christian Democratic Party (CVP) faded just before the debate began when CVP floor leader Luc van den Brande, head of about half a dozen CVP dissidents, said he would vote with the government.

Moslem-Hindu rioting continues in India

NEW DELHI (AP). — Hundreds of additional army troops reached riot-stricken Ahmedabad City yesterday as Moslem-Hindu rioting and arson continued for the third consecutive day despite imposition of a curfew. A state official reported.

Two persons were slain yesterday, raising the official death toll to 10. Among those killed were two teenage girls.

"Police had to open fire at some places today to disperse violent mobs," Gujarat State Home Affairs Minister Amar Singh Chaudhary said in a telephone interview. "We expect the situation to be firmly under control by tonight with the deployment of more soldiers."

Earlier, army troops were called out in new areas of Ahmedabad — India's fifth largest city.

The violence was triggered by

shouting of derogatory slogans against Moslems and low Hindu caste groups, during a student-led protest last Monday against an increase in quotas for the socially disadvantaged in colleges and government jobs.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told the national parliament yesterday that the situation had "turned serious" in Ahmedabad, capital of the western Indian state of Gujarat, and that the army had been called out to quell violence.

Gandhi sent Home Affairs Minister Shankarrao Chavan to the city for what he called "a first-hand evaluation of the situation here."

Authorities earlier ordered an indefinite curfew in the congested old city sector, where Hindus and Moslems live together.

Gujarat and neighbouring

Madhya Pradesh state in recent weeks have been racked by student-led movements protesting against the increase in quotas there.

In a decision announced on the eve of national parliamentary elections last December, the Gujarat state government increased the quotas from 21 per cent to 49 per cent.

The additional 28 per cent reservations were for backward, mostly peasant, castes. Although socially backward, some of these caste groups have become economically strong since Indian independence in 1947.

Previously, quotas were only for the 110 million Hindu untouchables, who constitute the lowest Hindu caste, and the 40 million tribespeople, as permitted by India's constitution.

Alfonsin urges non-intervention by Washington

WASHINGTON (AP). — Argentine President Raul Alfonsin told Congress yesterday that "the principles of territorial integrity and non-intervention should be respected and universally applied" in seeking a peaceful solution to the turmoil in Central America.

In a speech prepared for delivery to a joint meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate, Alfonsin also called for "specific guarantees that the countries of the region will not meddle in one another's affairs."

"We think the central question here (in Central America) is how to reach an immediate solution that will not compromise permanent solutions for the future," Alfonsin said.

He said Argentina supports efforts of the Contadora group of four Latin American nations in seeking stability in Central America.

He said such a search should follow "the principle of self-determination as recognized by contemporary international law, freely exercised through the will of the majority."

12 Indians to be sterilized per minute

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — An Indian family planning campaign aims to sterilize 12 people a minute over the next 10 weeks, the government said.

It said the campaign, which started yesterday, is aimed to sterilize 1.2 million, give contraceptives to one million and intra-uterine devices to 700,000 women.

In a message of support, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said the success of the family planning programme was essential for India's prosperity and progress. He stressed it was a voluntary scheme.

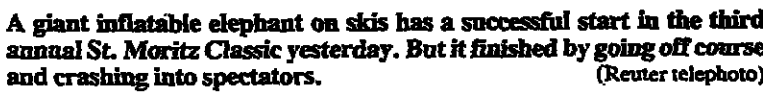
Experts have predicted that by the year 2050, India's population, now 740 million, would exceed that of China, now just over one billion, if India did not reduce its current annual birth rate of 34 per 1,000.

'Sun' fails to appear

LONDON (AP). — The Sun, Britain's largest-selling daily, was not published yesterday because of a labour dispute stemming from plans to move printing to a new plant and introduce new technology.

Management of the paper, owned by publisher Rupert Murdoch, said two print unions caused the loss of more than a million copies of Tuesday's editions when they called branch meetings during production time to discuss the proposed move.

When the unions refused to promise to work normally for yesterday's editions, the day's press run was cancelled, a management spokesman said. The paper's daily circulation is 4.2 million nationwide.



A giant inflatable elephant on skis has a successful start in the third annual St. Moritz Classic yesterday. But it finished by going off course and crashing into spectators.

Water in gas tank triggered Bhopal calamity, report says

DANBURY, Connecticut (AP). — An unusually large amount of water contaminated a storage tank and triggered a chemical reaction that released methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas killing more than 2,000 people at Union Carbide's plant in Bhopal, India, the company said yesterday.

In a highly technical report on the gas leak last December, Union Carbide said analysis of the residue in the tank showed that 120 to 240 gallons of water was inadvertently or deliberately introduced into the tank, increasing the pressure and temperature and causing a relief valve to burst.

Although the report did not try to assess blame for the accident, Carbide chairman Warren Anderson said operations at the plant were "not in compliance with standard operating procedure" at the time of the leak.

The reaction dramatically increased pressure and temperature inside the tank to as high as 200 degrees Celsius and pressure to an average of 81 kilograms per square inch, Ron van Mynen, company director of occupational health and personal safety, told a news conference.

The tank normally operates under pressure of from 2 PSI to 20 PSI, he said.

The reaction corroded the inside of the stainless steel tank and apparently burst open a relief valve, sending the MIC into the air.

Van Mynen said the company was "very confident of the findings" of the report, which was based on investigations conducted by seven scientists and engineers assembled at Bhopal on December 6, three days after the leak.

Picasso's other 'Guernica' set for UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Delegates headed for UN Security Council debates will soon be confronted by a symbolic reminder of the horrors of war — a tapestry of Pablo Picasso's masterpiece, *Guernica*, informed sources reported Tuesday.

The valuable tapestry, owned by the late Nelson Rockefeller and woven under Picasso's supervision, is to be loaned or donated to the UN by Margaretta "Happy" Rockefeller, widow of the former New York governor and U.S. vice-president, it added.

The woven replica of Picasso's famed 1937 painting hung in the executive mansion in Albany, New York, while Rockefeller was governor, 1959-73.

The original 3.3 by 7.6 metre painting, meant as a protest against the devastating bombing of the Bas-

que town of Guernica during the Spanish civil war, was on extended loan to the Museum of Modern Art in New York from 1939 to 1981.

In line with Picasso's wishes, the painting was turned over to the Prado Museum in Madrid after the death of the Spanish dictator Francisco Franco and a return of democracy to Spain.

U.S. House panel okays \$1 billion aid to Africa

WASHINGTON (AP). — The House of Representatives' Africa subcommittee on Tuesday approved \$1.1 billion in military and economic aid for the African continent.

The approval was the first step in congressional action on foreign aid to the region for the fiscal year beginning next October.

Fear of volcanic eruption on fire-ravaged Galapagos

QUITO, Ecuador (AP). — Experts were quoted Tuesday as saying heat from a raging brush fire could spark a volcanic eruption on the largest island of the Galapagos chain, famous for giant land turtles, lizards and birds that are extinct elsewhere.

The government of Ecuador, which controls the archipelago 1,094 km off its coast, said it would ask the UN to send special aircraft to fight the fire that has ravaged Isabel Island for three weeks.

Isabel is one of 13 islands in the archipelago, where Charles Darwin gathered evidence for his theory of natural selection.

Jorge Egas, the social welfare minister, said the blaze is advancing about 91 metres an hour, has devastated nearly half the island and endangers the eggs of the giant turtles and other unique wildlife. He said the appeal will be made to the office of the UN disaster relief coordinator.

About 300 people, including members of civil defence, the armed forces, firemen and residents have been unable to control the blaze, which began at a time of severe drought. They say they are fighting it with shovels, rakes and buckets of water and need heavy equipment.

Even a bank robber can use a helping hand

LONDON (AP). — A gunman who held up a savings bank in Plymouth, southwest England, got a helping hand from an unwitting accomplice on Tuesday — a passer-by who picked up the loot for the robber when he dropped it making his getaway.

A police spokesman said the good Samaritan saw the robber frantically trying to stuff thousands of pounds into a plastic bag after he dropped it on a windswept sidewalk.

"The man who picked up the money was just trying to help —

unfortunately," the spokesman said. "He had no idea what had happened."

But another bandit had a rougher day. He got the brush-off from a liquor store employee when he tried to rob her store in Bootle, near Liverpool.

She cracked him on the head with her broom when he threatened another employee with a club and demanded the day's takings.

The young would-be thief ran off.

Hindus jailed for converting to Christianity

KATMANDU (AP). — Eight men have been sentenced to six months in prison on charges of being converted to Christianity, to the detriment of Hinduism, and of propagating their new religion, their lawyer said yesterday.

The convicted men are set to appeal the March 14 verdict by a district court in western Nepal.

Their lawyer said that in their statement, the men, including two 19-year-olds, claimed their ancestors were Hindus — "But we believe in Jesus Christ."

Six other defendants were declared innocent of similar charges on the grounds their conversion occurred outside Nepalese territory in India.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL
8:15 School Broadcasts 13:00 Those Were the Days 13:30 Contact 16:00 Family Hour 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
17:30 On Your Matter — what today's youth think of various matters
18:00 Cartoons
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18:30 News roundup
18:35 Circus
19:00 Meeting — current affairs
19:30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a new roundup
20:05 Match of the Week
20:30 Nature of Things — Canadian nature series
21:00 Maht: Newsweek
21:30 Tipping the Scales — Canadian documentary about obesity
22:30 Exil Part 1 of a 3-part German serial based on the book by Leon Feuchtwanger
23:35 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17:10 The World of Walt Disney 18:00 French Hour 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Three's Company
21:30 L'Esprit des Dames 22:00 News in English 22:15 Feature film
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ON THE AIR
Voice of Music
6:02 Morning Tunes
7:07 Works by Bach, arranged by Mordechai Reichman — Little Fugue, 3 Chorale Preludes, Choral Prelude, We Believe, Circled Prelude No. 69
7:30 All Bach programme — Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 (La Scala, Abbado); Toccata and Fugue in D minor (Ormandy).

Concerto for Viola and Trumpet. No. 1044; Suite in E minor, No. 996 (John Williams); Concerto for 3 Pianos; Wedding Cantata, No. 210
6:30 All Bach programme — Motet No. 328; Brandenburg Concerto No. 5; Cantata: Fantasy and Fugue in G minor (Alfred Schwellers); Double Concerto (Perlman, Serebrennikova)
12:00 Bach — Prelude and Fugue in E minor, No. 548; 4 Chorale Preludes: Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major; Choral Prelude
13:00 Bach in Legend — Bach in the Cafe; Mass for the King of Poland; Secular Concert; Fugue for a Meat Portion
14:30 Bach in a New Perspective — works by J.S. Bach and his sons, written and inspired by him — Bach: Prelude from Partita No. 5 for Cello; Sarabande and Gigue from Partita No. 2; Bach, arranged by Peter Maxwell Davies: 2 Preludes and Fugues; Saulstun: Rite; Fantasy No. 3; Lullaby; Fox, El Impostor; Leon Schidlovsky: Missa in Nemine Bach; Jossi Mar Haim; Cafe Bach
16:30 The Silver Duo. Nuri Silver, cello; Philip Silver, piano — Bach: Sonata in D major; Shitchevsky: Harpsichord Suite; Dvorak: Quiet Mood; Saint-Saens: Sonata, Op. 32
18:00 Music Magazine — Bach Today — the 300th Anniversary of his Birth
19:05 Bach: Excerpts from The Passion according to St. Matthew
20:30 Bach — The Art of the Fugue — European Broadcasting Union celebrates the 300th Anniversary of Bach's birth in coordination with the radio stations of Australia, Italy, Ireland, England, USA, Belgium, West Germany, East Germany, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Israel, Spain, Finland, France, CSR, Romania and Sweden
22:00 Bach in a Lighter Vein — transcriptions and arrangements of his works with The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Modern Jazz Quartet, The Sengle Singers, The Jazz Trio of violinist Stefan Grapelli and the London Symphony Wind Ensemble
23:00 Famous Artists in Historical Performances — Happy Birthday to J.S. B.A.-C.H.
First Programme
6:03 Programmes for Olim
7:30 Morning Concert

9:30 Encounter — live family affairs
10:30 Programme in East Hebrew
11:00 School Broadcasts
12:00 Education for all
12:05 Oriental songs
13:00 News in English
13:30 News in French
14:00 Children's programmes
15:00 Speaker's Podium
15:30 News on the Book
16:05 Middle East Crossroads
17:12 Jewish Ideas
17:20 Everyone's University
18:05 Hebrew songs
18:47 Bible Reading
19:05 Lesson in Talmud
19:30 Programmes for Olim
22:05 Every Man has a Star — with astrology, Ilan Pecker
Second Programme
7:00 This Morning — news magazine
8:05 Safe Journey
9:05 House Call — with Reka Michaeli
10:10 All Shades of the Network
12:00 Open Line — news and music
13:00 Midday — news commentary, music
14:05 Matters of Interest — with Gali Gazi
15:05 Les Miserables by Victor Hugo (part 5)
15:35 Magic Moments — favourite old songs
16:10 Safe Journey
17:10 Economic Magazine
18:05 Amy O'Connell
18:45 Today in Sport
19:05 Today — radio newswire
19:30 This Week in the Knesset
20:05 Roots — folk music magazine
22:05 Yiddish songs
23:05 Between Ourselves
Arts
6:30 University on the Air
7:07 "707" — with Alex Anski
8:05 Morning Newswire
9:05 Right Now — with Ruti Reibel
11:05 The Old Days — with Orly Yaniv
13:05 Israeli Style — with Eli Yisraeli
15:05 What's Doing — with Erez Tal
16:05 Four in the Afternoon
17:05 Evening Newswire
18:05 Economic Magazine
19:05 Radio radio — with Yoni Kurner
20:05 Israeli Rock
21:00 Maht — TV Newswire
21:30 University on the Air (repeat)
22:05 Popular songs
23:05 Radio — with Hanech Ron
00:05 Night Birds — songs, chat

WHAT'S ON

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MUSEUMS
Israel Museum Opening Exhibitions: From the Secular to the Sacred. Painting Instruction in the Youth Wing. Sculpture: The Photographer; Leah Nitzan: 1950-1984. Elina Gut: landscape paintings. Meet on Israeli artist: Joshua Goffman and Michael Kover. Permanent Exhibition of Judaism, Archaeology, Art and Ethnic Art. Special Exhibits: "Le Chateau des Pyrenes", masterpiece by Belgian Surrealist Rene Magritte. Rockefeller Museum: The Other Side of the River. Paley Centre (near Rockefeller): Photography for children. Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-5. At 11: Guided tour in English. 3:30: Special tour in English of Judaism galleries. 3:30: Children's film, "Time Banners". Concert, "Bach's Birthday Party", Israel Baroque Orchestra with Philharmonic Orchestra (San Francisco). Tomorrow: Main Museum 10-2. At 11: Guided tour in English. 11: Guided tour in English of Rockefeller Museum.
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Retrospective, Makovitch, "The Other Power". Visiting Hours: Sun-Thur, 10-2; 5-9. Fri. closed. Sat. 11-2; 7-10. * Hebrew: Rabinovitch Pavilion: Two years 1983-4, Israel Art — Questioned. * Information, reservations: Tel. 02-69222.
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Sports

Giant-killers hunt top four

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It's do or die tonight for the four teams who lost their opening round games in the lead playoff fixtures of the National Basketball league earlier this week.

There's at least hope for all Monday's losers that they may get back on even terms since they now have home-court advantage in the second of the best-of-three encounters.

There were no surprises in the openers as the top four entries from the regular season all beat their lower level opposition.

Tonight could well be different for Hapoel Tel Aviv, who struggled to a 52-43 victory over Ashdod as they moved to the relatively quiet of Ashdod and will have to work hard to avoid a third game rematch next week.

Maccabi Tel Aviv looked anything like champions during their nine point victory over Hapoel Ramat Gan. The beleaguered Ramat Gan club playing through a number of injuries to key players adopted a devil-may-care attitude and almost pulled off an upset before running out of steam in the last quarter.

Unless Maccabi pull their act together the carefree band of brigands might give them another rough ride.

Maccabi Ramat Gan, 13 point victors over Galil Elyon, face ambush similar to Hapoel Tel Aviv. The men from Upper Galilee rarely get beaten in Kfar Galili.

Ramat Gan, however, did it once in the regular season with a three point play at the buzzer from Uri Ben-Atar. But it's difficult to imagine a duplication of that effort.

Young Hapoel Holon have beaten Maccabi Haifa three times in the regular season and should be capable of repeating that and so joining the champions in the semi-finals without need of a third game.

Double-winning volley

Post Sports Staff
Hapoel HaMasabi and Hapoel Na'an have captured the men's and women's State Cup at volleyball. In doing so both clubs this won the league and cup double. In the finals the HaMasabi men whipped Elitzur Tel Aviv 15-7, 15-2, 15-4 while the women from Na'an scored an unexpectedly easy victory over Hapoel Bat Yam 15-6, 15-0, 15-0.

Glickstein crashes

Post Sports Staff
Shimon Glickstein yesterday followed third seeded Shmuel Perkes's early exit from the opening round of the \$80,000 tournament at Nancy, France. Glickstein was soundly beaten 6-2, 6-1 by French star Henri Laconte, seeded two, who is ranked 50 on the ATP's — some 50 places above Glickstein.
Perkes had earlier lost 7-6, 6-3 to American Chip Hooper.

Jordan stuns Lloyd

NEW YORK (AP). — Playing nearly flawless tennis from the backcourt, Kathy Jordan shocked second-seeded fellow American Chris Evert Lloyd 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, Tuesday night in the opening round of the \$500,000 Virginia Slims championships.

It was only the third time in 10 career meetings that Jordan had beaten the world's No. 2 player — the first coming at Wimbledon in 1983.

With the hard-fought victory, Jordan, ranked 12th on the Women's Tennis Association computer, advanced to a second-round meeting against Kathy Rinaldi in this elite 16-player field.

In the night's second singles match, third-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia defeated 18-year-old Andrea Temesvari of Hungary 7-5, 7-5.

The seven-day tournament at Madison Square Garden, which culminates the year-long Virginia Slims series, winds up Sunday with a best-of-five-sets final — unique in women's tennis — with \$125,000 going to the winner.

Defending champion Martina Navratilova, the No. 1 seed, was due to play her first-round match last night against Lisa Bonder.

SPORTS GUIDE

Eight persons will each collect IS33 million for marketing correctly all 13 results on last week's Sports Illustrated poll. Commissioning 12 results correct will IS192,000 and 11 results correct will IS144,000. But 10 correct will

DIETHYLSYLBESTROL (DES), a synthetic hormone, was administered to expectant mothers in many countries for more than 30 years. When a link between DES and a rare form of vaginal cancer in daughters of these women was discovered in 1970, the drug's other effects were still unknown.

Now, however, many reproductive abnormalities and susceptibilities to cancer have been traced to DES exposure in utero and the newest studies indicate that DES mothers, and even their sons, may also have been endangered by the drug.

Why was a powerful medication, whose effectiveness was questionable and whose long-term effects were never seriously researched, dispensed for decades? And why did so many women take it?

These and other questions are answered in a new book about the DES experience. In *To Do No Harm: DES and the Dilemmas of Modern Medicine*, (Yale University Press) two psychiatrists trace the rise of the DES phenomenon from its initial first prescription for high-risk pregnancies to its widespread use among well-to-do women whose doctors wanted "to make a normal pregnancy more normal."

Co-authors Drs. Roberta Apfel and Susan Fisher claim that the patient-doctor relationship, by definition, may preclude much questioning on the part of the pregnant woman hoping for a healthy baby, and they express concern that history may be repeating itself today with other "miracle" drugs.

"Women must learn to make a knowledgeable choice concerning the medication they take," asserts Apfel, who lectured at Carmel Hospital in Haifa during a recent visit to Israel. "They should be aware of the risks to their own health and to that of their unborn child when they are offered new treatments — and find out if the drugs have been sufficiently researched."

Apfel considers Israel a possible site for a repeat of the DES tragedy. "Your highly-developed medical technology, coupled with a tremendous Israeli desire for increased fertility, could lead doctors to make the same mistakes once made about DES."

Pointing out that DES appeared at first to be effective for high-risk pregnancies, she added that the actual reason for the success of some



The DES tragedy could be repeated if women are not more careful of 'miracle' drugs, psychiatrist and author Dr. Roberta Apfel tells Aviva Bar-Am.

DES exposed

of them had little to do with the drug. "The more intensive follow-up by obstetricians and the lessened anxiety with which women experienced the ordinary stressful gestation period were the real factors," she states. According to Apfel, a placebo would have done just as well.

Even when DES was shown to be ineffective, in excellent, well-controlled studies, doctors continued to prescribe it, she says, even to their own wives, and many healthy women were given DES only because it was fashionable to do so. It was even dispensed in prenatal vitamins.

DES is a synthetic form of estrogen, a hormone which produces female sex characteristics and is involved in the menstrual cycle. It was administered in huge doses and under more than 100 different brand names.

"The drug crossed the placenta and altered the cells of the developing fetus. When the babies were born, their deformities weren't apparent and it was only when they began reaching puberty, or trying to have children, that problems arose, including the appearance of a vaginal cancer in hundreds of DES daughters that was previously unknown in young women."

A high incidence of tubal pregnancies, spontaneous abortions and infertility among DES daughters has been traced directly to the drug, while almost all DES daughters have adenosis — glandular tissue on the outside of the cervix and in the vagina which may be pre-cancerous and can cause pain during intercourse. Many have a misshapen uterus, making birth control problematic, and DES daughters — and their mothers — seem to be more liable to breast, cervical and uterine cancer than other women.

Although they took DES with the best intentions, mothers of DES daughters have felt horribly guilty ever since the long-term effects of the drug became public knowledge. "Mothers and their children are involved in a complicated emotional situation which requires a great deal of emotional support not always available from their physicians. Doctors, for many reasons, tend to minimize both the physical and emotional effects of DES," notes Apfel, who does group work with DES women at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and

who has been personally touched by the DES tragedy.

"Girls who find they were DES exposed become over-involved with their bodies, fantasizing witches and monsters deep in their internal organs, and the threat of cancer may be constantly on their minds."

In the U.S. some doctors have begun using videotapes of gynecological examinations so that women can see what they really look like inside, and self-help groups have appeared all over the country, relates Apfel. "But in Israel I have found that in spite of the fact that DES was used here, and that DES women from other countries have moved to Israel, there is a surprising lack of awareness about DES."

Apfel, 47, is a psychiatrist with a background in public health. She and her husband Dr. Bennett Simon, an expert in literature and psychoanalysis, have five children. In addition to her work with DES women, Apfel deals with the problems of postpartum depression and the emotional aspects of unsuccessful pregnancies, while spending her spare time working actively for Israel.

"I hope that my lectures in Haifa will open a dialogue on the subject of DES in the newspapers, and between doctors and their patients," says Apfel, adding that, sadly, the full extent of the damage done by DES has not yet been determined. She has both a public and a private message for Israelis.

"Anyone with reproductive difficulties should find out if they were DES exposed," she asserts. "Ask your doctors and have them look it up in your records. DES women need more complicated and frequent tests to detect cancer than others, and they must be aware of their situation."

"Secondly, I would strongly urge Israelis to be intelligent consumers, and to ask themselves the following questions: Are requirements for the drugs on the Israeli market stringent enough? What are the controls within the Israeli medical system? Do you know if your meat and fowl are DES injected, as they were in America for many years?"

"It is you who must decide, as an intelligent consuming public, that a tragedy like the DES experience won't happen here!"

(In Sunday's "Today" page: DES in Israel.)

Courting the family

Na'amat will approach Justice Minister Moshe Nisim with a proposal to establish family courts in Israel. Na'amat secretary-general Mascha Libelsky said during a recent panel discussion at Beit Sokolov.

Libelsky said, Na'amat realizes that the political realities require that registration of marriages and divorces be left in the hands of the rabbinical courts. At the same time,

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the organization has come to the conclusion, on the basis of years of experience in its legal aid bureaus, that a specialized court — patterned after the labour courts — is needed to handle matters of personal status.

The average length of litigation in

divorce cases is three years, she said, and different questions can bring the couple to several different courts. The family court, she believes, would shorten litigation and replace the adversary procedure with counselling and other methods which could save many families and could make divorce easier when it is inevitable.

Rabbi Sha'ar-Yashuv Cohen,

chief rabbi of Haifa, agreed that authority is now divided between too many courts. However, he wants the authority to be vested in the rabbinical courts, not in a secular family court. He painted an idealized picture in which the rabbi who dealt with a family crisis would be the same rabbi who married the couple, shared the family joys and sorrows and knew the family well.

Judge Benjamin Cohen, retired president of the Tel Aviv District Court, said labour courts have failed and family courts would be doomed to the same fate. All this is beside the point, however, he added, because political realities would make the establishment of a family court impossible anyway.

"The Conservative Jew says the Reform Jew isn't really religious; the

NRP-oriented rabbinate says the Conservative Jew isn't religious; Agudat Yisrael says the rabbinate isn't religious enough and Natorei Karta question the religiosity of Agudat Yisrael. Meanwhile, the secular majority suffers the consequences."

Dr. Ariel Rosen-Zvi of the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, who is himself religious, backed the family court idea. When the civil courts deal with family matters, he said, they see them as ordinary civil cases, like disputes over debts or between neighbours. A different outlook is required.

As for the rabbinical courts, they

do not succeed in carrying out the functions already assigned to them. "As for Rabbi Cohen's idea, I can just picture the rabbi telling the secular woman that her marriage is failing because she doesn't go to the mikveh. You have to know when not to say certain things and, unfortunately, not all the rabbis have that sensitivity."

Attorney Yosef Ben-Menashe agreed with Judge Cohen that the family court is a political impossibility in Israel. As a prerequisite to such a court, he said, there would have to be civil marriage and divorce which he doubts will happen in the lifetime of any of those present in the hall.

Israel Women's Lobby meets with chief rabbis

'A divorce dialogue is underway'

Askenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira has agreed to take a personal interest in divorce cases that are subject to significant delays in the rabbinical courts, according to an Israel Women's Lobby delegation that met with Shapira and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliash on Monday.

In a press conference following the two-hour session with the chief rabbis, the delegation called upon women who feel they are experiencing unreasonable delays in divorce proceedings to bring their cases to the attention of the rabbis.

"If awareness is raised at the level of the chief rabbis, then perhaps proceedings will move faster," said Rena Shashua Hasson, one of the lobby representatives.

Monday's meeting was reportedly the second time that Israel's chief rabbis have agreed to discuss the problems of divorce believed to affect tens of thousands of Israeli women. Marriage and divorce proceedings here are governed by Jewish religious law (Halacha) which stipulates that both spouses must consent if a divorce is to be granted. In cases where husbands do not

Nomi Morris

agree, a drawn out process of negotiation can ensue.

The lobby representatives were Dr. Michael Cornaldi and Dr. Ariel Rosen-Zvi — both of whom participated in a similar meeting two months ago — and lawyers Rena Shashua Hasson and Ruth Shmeor, legal advisers to Na'amat and Wizo respectively.

The chief rabbis have agreed to arrange further meetings with the Women's Lobby, which the group perceives to be an extremely positive development in the fight for women's rights in rabbinical courts.

"When we had our first meeting, we did not know if it would be more than a one-time thing. But now it is clear that a process of constructive dialogue is underway," said Rosen-Zvi.

He noted that although the two sides are discussing the issues at hand with a significant degree of understanding, there is still a large gap between their positions.

The rabbis are willing to talk

about specific problematic cases, but are reluctant to deal with general principles of divorce law," Rosen-Zvi added.

The meeting itself resulted from a request made by the chief rabbis in their first meeting in January asking for concrete examples of women who have suffered unreasonable delays in their efforts to get a divorce.

The delegation this week presented examples of divorce cases that have been underway from four to 25 years. Material from 15 such files — three of them dealing with men who are unable to obtain divorces — was left with the chief rabbis.

Lobby representatives also appealed to the chief rabbis to make use of halachic measures which allow judges to pressure husbands into granting divorces.

The rabbis were reluctant to do so, saying this is a matter of conscience for individual judges. But they did recommend that women demand their alimony rights even when they have not yet obtained a divorce.

The rabbis also suggested that women resign for a few months from work in order to be granted alimony

more easily. Shashua Hasson said. The delegation implored them to use their authority to make women quitting their jobs for alimony's sake unnecessary.

According to Cornaldi, another milestone was achieved because the delegation presented the rabbis with a revolutionary decision made two years ago by the late Jerusalem chief rabbi Ya'acov Bezalel Zohi.

In a letter to an American rabbi, Zohi said that in a case where a civil divorce has been granted and a religious divorce was refused by the husband, he should be made to pay \$2,000 a week alimony until he grants the divorce.

"The precedent for using financial pressure to influence the husband has therefore been set by a revered Jerusalem gaon and could easily be adopted here," Cornaldi said.

The dialogue with the chief rabbis represents just one of the lobby's efforts to advance the status of women in Halacha. Earlier on Monday the same delegation met with the director-general of the Ministry of Religion.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

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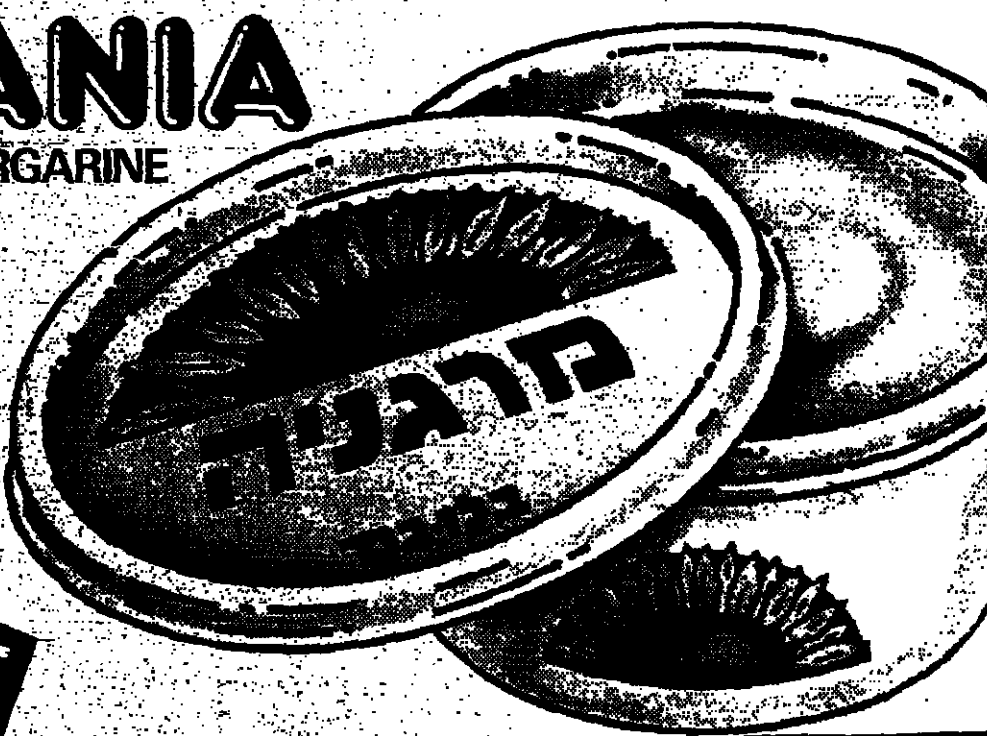
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	31 December 1984	1983**		31 December 1984	1983**
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			ASSETS		
Deposits and loans from			Cash in hand and deposits with central banks	2,332,940	2,409,235
Bank of Israel and banking institutions	1,524,263	2,154,606	Deposits with banks	2,332,609	2,834,328
Deposits from the public	8,470,311	8,381,084	Debentures for investment	421,651	522,724
Deposits for the granting of loans	1,018,093	997,376	Shares for investment	62,494	63,537
Non-convertible bonds, capital notes and debentures	1,672,202	1,747,311	Securities for trading	363,835	326,266
Other liabilities	74,520	53,997	Loans to the Government (principally deposits with the Treasury)	2,857,094	2,728,443
Total liabilities	12,759,389	13,334,374	Loans to the public	4,516,884	4,559,972
Outside shareholders' interest	24,625	24,749	Bank premises and equipment	212,800	195,053
Shareholders' equity	394,692	373,073	Other assets	78,399	92,638
	13,178,706	13,732,196		13,178,706	13,732,196

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss
for the year ended 31st December 1984
Adjusted for the effect of inflation*
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	1984	1983**
Operating profit (loss) before taxation	62,522	(28,853)
Provision for taxation on operating profit	36,577	24,352
Operating profit (loss) after taxation	25,945	(53,205)
Group's equity in net profit (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiaries	(5,081)	1,697
	20,864	(51,508)
Outside shareholders' interest	1,587	5,582
Net profit (loss) for the year	22,451	(45,926)

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
for the year ended 31st December 1984
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	1984	1983**
Shareholders' equity at beginning of year	373,073	407,539
Amounts received by the Bank on exercise of rights to purchase shares	—	12,496
Net profit (loss) for the year	22,451	(45,926)
Interest on liabilities included in shareholders' equity	(832)	(1,036)
Shareholders' equity at end of year	394,692	373,073

* On the basis of the Consumer Price Index for November, 1984
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Condensed statements as at December 31, 1984 of Four Main Overseas Banking Subsidiaries

Bank Leumi Trust Company of New York 25 Branches (in US \$ Thousands) Total assets 2,666,329 Net profit 11,406	Bank Leumi Le-Israel (France) S.A. 6 Branches in France (in FF Thousands) Total assets 2,946,599 Net profit 4,403
Bank Leumi (UK) plc 6 Branches (in £ Thousands) Total assets 361,851 Net profit 820	Bank Leumi Le-Israel (Switzerland) 2 Branches in Switzerland and 1 Branch in the Cayman Islands (in Sfr Thousands) Total assets 673,548 Net profit 7,509



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Dor Chemicals may lead group in setting up plant in Newfoundland

By Yitzhak Okeid
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — The Dor Chemical Company of Haifa is investigating the feasibility of establishing a petrochemical complex in Newfoundland, Canada, at a cost of several hundred million dollars.

A spokesman of the Dor Chemical group, which owns Dor Chemicals, told The Jerusalem Post that the project is still in its early stages. "If our investigation shows that the project is worthwhile, we will go ahead with it."

He added that the cost of building such a complex is so great that setting up an international consortium will be required.

He said that huge oil and gas fields have been discovered in Newfoundland and that officials of his company are confident that there is a need for a petrochemical complex right next to them. He emphasized that such a complex would, in no way serve Israel's requirements, but would serve world markets.

The spokesman said that reports on Israel Radio yesterday morning were inaccurate. According to them, Dor Chemicals was considering buying an inactive oil refinery in Newfoundland.

He explained that several company officials had visited the refinery at Come By Chance, Newfoundland, but came to the conclusion that it was not worthwhile buying the refinery there.

Israel asks UK for compensation for coal not delivered due to miners' strike

By JERRY LEWIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON — Israel has asked Britain for compensation for the interruption in coal deliveries caused principally by the year-long miners' strike which ended earlier this month. Energy Minister Moshe Shalev, here on behalf of the Israel Bonds Organization, took the opportunity to meet National Coal Board (NCB) officials to discuss prospects for the renewal of supply of British coal for the Hadera power station.

Shalev told The Post that Israel and Britain signed an agreement last year, but that delivery was made on only 6,000 tons out of the 250,000 specified in the schedule. NCB officials have agreed to discuss the matter and will be negotiating with the Israeli government to resolve the competition claim.

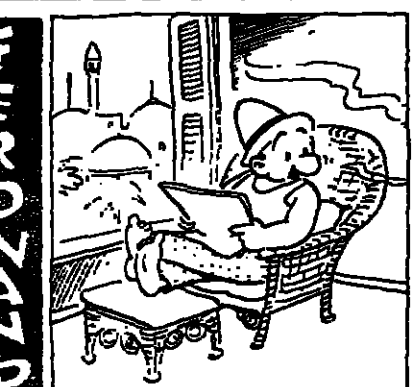
The minister added that Israel would be satisfied as long as supplies were maintained, but he was unable to get a definitive answer as to when exports would be resumed. "I had the impression they don't know themselves," he said.

In a meeting with British Energy Secretary, Peter Walker, Shalev noted an optimistic attitude. Walker had maintained that there were enough quantities of coal in storage to supply Israel's requirements immediately. However, a Coal Board official confirmed to The Post that it is going to be "some time" before the situation is clarified.

The question of a British refusal to sell North Sea oil to Israel was not discussed. Shalev said there was no need for British oil, since Israel was getting sufficient supplies from other sources, including North Sea oil from Norway.

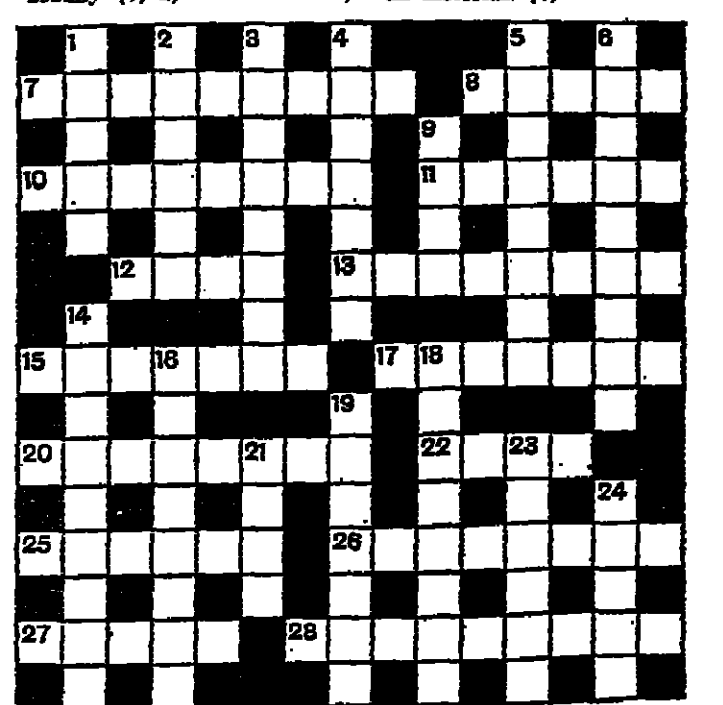
Shalev did, however, question British policy regarding the Arab trade boycott, the government having refused to introduce legislation to ban compliance with it. He informed Walker that the British market was losing a number of contracts at the moment due to the policy, and that Israel was managing to deal without any difficulty even with countries with whom it did not have diplomatic relations. The Energy Secretary promised to consult with his Foreign Office colleagues on the matter.

The possibility of Israel purchasing nuclear power plants from Britain was also raised. Shalev said that Israel would be interested in hearing anything were to be offered, but was given no answer to his question whether Britain was prepared to sell either equipment or technological know-how.



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- ACROSS**
- Use well intentioned advice to would-be seascape artist (4, 5)
 - Clever railroaders turn back (5)
 - Speed to the stronghold (8)
 - A held in denture covers it (6)
 - Question the thaw setting in (4)
 - Obviously no tears will be shed by the tenant (4, 4)
 - Draw an astonished breath before mince pie goes to the stove (4, 4)
 - Just a wee dram for the child (4, 5)
 - Not yet, but soon will be fit (8)
 - Priest sought by the sick (4)
 - Certainly not present dispatched by the sailor (6)
 - Dentist's advice to patient (who gets frightened on the way?) (4, 4)
 - Pungent corrosive substance right in the middle (5)
 - Being dependent upon how much trunk charges are usually (7, 2)
- DOWN**
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 - Small broom for a single broomstick user (6)
 - List to advice and accept the offered gratuity (4, 1, 3)
 - Length of the bar determines the length of the drink (7)
 - Anything but big fish provided by the mean chippy (5, 3)
 - How to do justice to the goodies — and the baddies (5, 3, 5)
 - Nips back off the pitch it does (4)
 - Might be a novel way of saying that Fleet Street strike is over (3)
 - One pitch adjustment of sound reproduction (8)
 - Arrested as the one responsible (2, 6)
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No escape hatch

THE TERRIBLE noises of political invective coming out of the Knesset building these days need not be taken as an indication that the half-year-old shotgun marriage forced by the electorate between the Alignment and the Likud is about to be dissolved soon.

Both parties have their reasons for not seeking a test of strength at the polls at this time. The Alignment, under Premier Shimon Peres, has made a startling, and fully merited, comeback in the national estimate, and Mr. Peres himself is riding a wave of popularity. For either party to break up the national unity government now, would not be welcomed by the electorate, especially as the twin problems of Lebanon and the economy have yet to be fully resolved.

It would be different perhaps if the Arabs were to show readiness to discuss a peace compromise that did not require sitting down with the PLO, but which involved territorial concessions by Israel. That, however, is not currently on the cards.

The Likud will not, of its volition, grant the Alignment a ready and sufficient excuse to declare the present arrangement unworkable. At least, it would not make sense for the Likud to do so. That party's best chance lies in waiting patiently for Yitzhak Shamir - even though he is far from being a hero to all his colleagues - to assume the premiership again, and from that position of strength to decide on a new election date.

Yet there is no gainsaying that the bond between the two major parties is extremely fragile, and that the survival of the government depends on the calculation of party self-interest rather than on the imperative of national recovery.

That the Likud is currently chafing under Mr. Peres' dominant leadership is understandable. But this does not begin to excuse the sheer vehemence of Likud attacks on the party that shoulders the main burden of rescuing the country from the effects of seven years of Likud mismanagement. The savage riposte by the Alignment's Dov Ben-Meir in the Knesset plenum debate on Tuesday may have been somewhat unparliamentary. But it was not entirely out of place.

These two warring partners, however, the Alignment and the Likud, cannot for the moment do without one another. Therefore, kicking and screaming at one another they will probably go on keeping the national unity government afloat.

Wrong end of the stick

IT IS ONE index of the abysmal condition in which old-age pensioners in this country find themselves today that only one-fifth among them - 70,000 out of a total of 350,000 - cross the income tax threshold. But even that small minority is not necessarily made up of rich people: last month, the threshold was a monthly income of \$1,700,000.

That amount, it is worth noting, equalled two-thirds of the average national wage in February.

The simple logic of social equity would seem to counsel that something be done - even, or especially, in these hard times - to raise, however modestly, the disposable income of old-age pensioners. But the Treasury's book-keeping logic dictates an altogether different course of action. In order to cut the budget of the National Insurance Institute, the Treasury wants hitherto non-taxable NII old-age pensions to be made subject to income tax. Nothing less.

To figure out a pensioner's tax liability, his NII pension would be added to other sources of income, such as job pensions and investments. The total income would be granted a 35 per cent tax exemption, and the remaining amount would be taxed by the book.

To the argument that this proposal - and it is still only a proposal - amounts to a violation of contract that could only be excused through retroactive legislation sanctioning what is in effect double taxation, the Treasury replies with a shrug. It is only right, say the young experts of the Exchequer, that old-age pensioners, too, should share in the national belt-tightening effort, especially considering that they no longer have children to care for.

A fine principle, indeed: the trouble is that it makes no distinction between the millionaire pensioner and the pensioner whose income is just a wee bit more than two-thirds of the national average wage. Which is roughly where the poverty line lies.

It is easy to see why so many pensioners are up in arms against the Treasury's proposal, and why they have earned so much support among the public and in the Knesset. Parliament must at least make sure that the new taxing measure is not put into effect by way of executive order, but be tabled for debate by the people's representatives.

Admittedly, the Treasury is strapped for cash. But there are billions to be collected from clever tax-dodgers before the axe is lifted over old-age pensioners.

BEIT SAFABA

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with Israeli bureaucracy was instrumental in pushing the new project through despite its non-conventional character, a government planner said last night.

Flexibility was displayed by all the planning authorities involved. The municipality permitted roads, narrower than normal, in order to preserve the site's rural character, while the Housing Ministry agreed to forego building units itself in order to let the villagers build them. The Lands Authority also agreed to sell part of the land directly to an association formed by 25 villagers instead of putting it to public tender.

Although about 60 per cent of the tract is privately owned by the villa-

gers and the rest is publicly owned, the ministry will develop the entire site's infrastructure and provide mortgages.

More than 100 of the units will be able to be expanded in the future to accommodate the family of a married child, bringing the total number of units to 800. The village presently has 1,000 units.

Omar Othman, principal of the Beit Safaba Municipal School, told the committee that the taking of village lands for the Gilo-Patt highway, the Talpiot industrial zone and other uses had left many in the village without land on which to build their homes. He thanked Mayor Teddy Kollek for having been instrumental in pushing the new housing project through.

IRAQ-IRAN

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was launched in the southern Iraqi region March 11.

The Iranians, according to the communiqué, were shelling the southern Iraqi city of Basra, in addition to the border towns of Mandali and Khanaqin. One Iraqi civilian was killed, five others were wounded, one house demolished and two others were partially damaged, the communiqué said.

Bushehr Radio, monitored in London, interrupted its programmes to announce that an air alert had been issued for the gulf coastal province, adding that Bushehr blood transfusion organizations "urgently" required blood donations from "all groups."

Bushehr is about 40 kilometres southeast of the key Iranian oil terminal of Kharg Island.

Shipping sources in Bahrain said the Iraqi warplanes had also raided Kharg, blasting an Iranian supply ship and killing six of its crewmen.

The Baghdad government warned on Sunday that starting last night "any target that passes through Iranian air space will become a possible target." British Airways announced that it was cancelling all its flights to Tehran. Lufthansa meanwhile flew 357 Europeans out of Tehran on Tuesday, and Turkish airlines evacuated 200 Turks.

A government spokesman in Tokyo said some of the 600 Japanese residents already had left.

THE PLO rejects the Mubarak initiative; the PLO distances itself from the Hussein-Arafat agreement; the PLO rejects Security Council Resolution 242; the PLO does not recognize Israel; the PLO refuses to give up terror. And rather than supporting, heaven forbid, a peace initiative, the PLO favours an escalation of the armed struggle against Israel.

Paradoxically, the more the PLO expresses its devotion to rejectionism, the more the peace camp in Israel expects the PLO to take the path of diplomacy as the authentic representative of the Palestinians.

Have we peace-lovers ever stopped to ask whether the aim of the PLO in using diplomacy is to reach a political settlement or whether it is, in fact, using it as a means of torquing peace efforts?

If we had paid attention to the statements of the heads of the PLO and Fatah since their expulsion from Tripoli at the end of 1982 - when everyone was proclaiming that the PLO had finally turned to diplomacy - we would not be constantly surprised by the PLO's persistent rejectionism. We certainly would not have to be "surprised" by PLO positions that show that its real goal is making sure the peace process fails.

PROOF OF THESE destructive tactics can be found in the many declarations by top PLO men in the last year. One example is a statement by Orhan Abu Arabiya, the PLO's chief of mobilization and organization, which appeared several months ago in the newspaper *Al-Khalij*.

"We now understand that the Palestinian struggle is a matter of swimming against the stream... Our situation in the Arab world and internationally is bad. The U.S. is strategically dependent on Israel.

"A diplomatic move does not

By AMNON DOTHAN

and the future holds a further shift in the balance of power in favour of the Zionist entity.

"But we have no choice but to continue the struggle without abandoning diplomatic activity in the Arab and international arenas. I'm speaking of political activity and not a political solution, since the balance of power does not allow us to achieve our national goals. It does not leave us any choice but political activity based on the principle that there are no solutions, and no possibility of solutions in the foreseeable future..."

"We're faced with a political struggle against American-sponsored agreements, and we're trying to oppose them with our (diplomatic) tactics. That doesn't mean we're joining an agreement. We've hidden our enmity to the U.S., but the struggle against the U.S. goes on."

SO THE PLO, defeated in Lebanon, is interested in gaining the patronage of Jordan and Egypt and thereby rebuilding its lost strength. The military option was closed after Tripoli and the support for Arafat among residents of the territories is steadily being eroded. And Assad is threatening to wipe out the PLO physically.

The PLO has had no choice but to jump on the diplomatic bandwagon. But their aim, apparently, is not to be constructive, but rather to stay in the picture as a political organization.

Arafat's right-hand man, Abu Jihad, admitted to this tactic in an interview several months ago with the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Wakeel*.

SINCE THE WAR in Lebanon, a number of events - including the renewal of Jordanian parliamentary life - have shifted the central focus from the PLO to the residents of the territories.

And there is a marked difference between the PLO and those living in the territories: While the PLO is rejectionist and will not accept Re-

solution 242, many residents of the territories have long since accepted that resolution.

So in the West Bank and Gaza Strip there is a large body of Palestinians which sees the PLO as an obstacle to the diplomatic process. This sector understands well that the PLO's string of "nos" - no to Resolution 242, no to the Reagan Plan, no to recognizing Israel - has given valuable time to Jewish settlement in the territories, already creating a threat of annexation which will result in a new expulsion of Palestinians.

The Palestinians in the territories know that annexation and expulsion do not frighten the PLO. Indeed, quite the reverse is true. New refugee camps would be irrefutable proof that Zionism is anti-Palestinian and expansionist. Residents of the territories have come to understand the PLO's cruel game: the PLO and Arafat are betting the whole pot, and the pot is the residents of the territories themselves.

SO WHY does the Israeli public not hear about the differences between the residents of the territories and the PLO? Because the PLO - under the Israeli occupation - rules the residents of the territories by terror.

After the Sadat initiative and the Camp David agreement, dozens of Palestinian public figures in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were murdered for the "sin" of supporting the peace process and the Sadat initiative. In addition, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij - and others - received assassination threats.

The problem today, then, is how to end the PLO's rule of terror, which has blocked the peace process

and allowed the West Bank zealots to dance the annexation waltz.

What the Israeli peace camp must do is reconsider its direction, and then do what it has refrained from doing so far - mobilize to break the PLO's veto on the peace process.

This would include ending the blind support for the PLO. It would also mean giving political aid to those brave Palestinians who are willing to establish a peace movement, who support a peace process based on Resolution 242 and negotiations with Jordan, who support the Reagan Plan and reject terror.

ONE WOULD imagine that the Israeli peace camp would jump at such an approach. After all, the views of Israeli doves are actually much closer to those of the pro-Jordanian moderates in the territories than to the PLO covenant, with its call for the destruction of Israel.

But trying to convince leaders of the peace camp of this is like trying to interest the Samaritan rebbe in Reform Judaism.

While the doves denounce terror, by being soft on the PLO they unintentionally give a stamp of approval to the carriers of grenades and Kalashnikovs as the true representatives of the Palestinian people.

We have to ask ourselves how much longer we are going to remain slaves to the idea of the PLO? How many more settlements in the territories and how many more refugee camps will it take for the Israeli peace camp to understand the destructive role the PLO plays in the diplomatic process? And how much longer will the doves ignore the reality of annexation in order to cling to the illusion that peace will come from the PLO?

The writer is a freelance journalist who specializes in West Bank affairs.

READERS' LETTERS

SOCIALISM VS CAPITALISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Mr. Merhav ("Saving Israel from itself" - February 22) says socialism has no connection with Israel's economic problems because (a) Israel has never had socialism, and (b) our economic system used to work fine because we had high growth rates. He is wrong on both counts.

Socialism is government ownership and operation of the means of production. In Israel, major sections of industry are owned and operated by the government, and additional major sections are owned and operated by a quasi-government, the Histadrut, which collects its own withholding taxes from salaried workers. In addition, virtually all large economic enterprises are totally dependent on government subsidies for their existence because of confiscatory taxes and lack of industrial infrastructure. This means all important economic decisions are made by the government. If all this is not socialism, what is?

The result, duplicated by the performance of every socialist economy, has been economic stagnation, with economic collapse in our case prevented only by ever-increasing U.S. aid. Merhav's citing of Israel's "success" in the 1950's is worthless. Communist Russia had high rates of growth in the 1920's and 1930's also - because when one starts from zero, any increase yields a high rate of growth.

We can see socialism's result in Minister Sharon's appointments of political cronies to leading positions in government companies. One has to be naive not to see that such appointments are the inevitable result of government control. One need not be an economic genius to see the causal relationship between Israel's system of government control and its present plight.

GRAHAM FRANK
Jerusalem.

Sir, - I would like to reply to Mr. Merhav's defence of Israeli-style socialism, in support of American-style capitalism. Capitalism and business freedom have worked miracles in many diverse conditions, such as post-war Germany, Korea, and, of course, the U.S. Since the laws of economics and the laws of nature are not different in Israel from the rest of the world, business freedom would bring prosperity to Israel as well, and especially to the lower classes.

The persistent refusal of all levels of Israeli society, that is, government leaders, the press, and the public, to accept the excellent advice of the U.S., in spite of its obvious correctness, is difficult to comprehend. Maybe an explanation can be found from the Jewish character. Throughout the centuries, Jews steadfastly adhered to their beliefs in spite of outside pressures. The modern secular Israeli apparently retains these strong emotions, in maintain-

ing irrational beliefs in socialism in spite of evidence and pressures to conform to reality. How else can we explain the refusal to accept a proven successful economic system? Let us hope that the modern Israeli will become a genuine free thinker, open to the truth, regardless of where it leads to.

In spite of the obvious failures of the government to control economic policy, such as wages, prices, sales, imports and exports, our leaders cannot realize that it is time to quit. Let the free markets dictate wages, prices, and all types of business decisions, such as types of industry to invest in, and where to locate them. The free market, contrary to government intervention, has never failed anywhere in the world, and will not fail us here.

As a U.S. citizen, I urge President Reagan to continue pressuring Israel towards more business freedom. Let us kill the holy cow of socialism!

Dr. ZALMAN ARANOFF
Kiryat Motzkin.

DEMAGOGIC SLOGANEERING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - The indiscriminate use of the label "terrorists" for every Arab in Lebanon involved with Zahal - as aggressor or victim - reflects the usual means of dehumanizing another people, to rationalize any acts of violence against it or any sacrifice required to eliminate such non-persons.

Surely Israeli media and politicians didn't always refer to determined young men prepared to fight and even pay the supreme cost to remove a foreign army from their soil as "terrorists."

To realistically examine the confrontation we continue with an enemy we created makes even more ghastly the loss of precious boys at the hands of those with whom we never had a quarrel. The continued resort to demagogic sloganeering, completely divorced from fact, by supposedly sane leaders - and not only the arrogant know-nothings who blundered us into this calamity - can only prolong the nightmare, and to prolong it by one hour is tragically stupid.

BURTON M. HALPERN
Tel Aviv.

CLOUD 9

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - Pinhas Landau's "Get off my cloud" (March 7) has lifted me to cloud 9 and has shown how beautifully this staff writer perceives (and simplifies) the socio-political-financial "reality" of Israel, which he bares naked with uncompromising verbal virtuosity. Someone having such a frank and unassuming posture, coupled with a brilliant, crystal-clear understanding of the world picture and of the Israel of today, and in addition being blessed with equal amounts of wit and wisdom, must - in my opinion at least - be definitely nominated as a strong candidate for Israel's finance minister.

Only by looking ourselves squarely in the eye as individuals and as a nation can we honestly come to grips with Israel's current financial "reality," especially vis-a-vis the I.M.F. (International Monetary Fund); the F.M.I. (Financial Mischievous-makers of Israel); and M.I.F. (Monetary Insanity Formulators) - both here and abroad - whose genetical engineering techniques would be much better left in the obviously capable hands of Pinhas Landau. We don't need "budget-cutters par excellence" or "Dizengoff prophets" - we need Landau.

T. GAZIT
Ra'anana.

WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - The naivety expressed in your editorial of March 12, "Senseless killing," is appalling. You have compared Mr. Reagan's withdrawal of the U.S. Marines from Lebanon shortly after declaring he would not do so under pressure with our position and implied that Israel can do likewise without any harm to our standing in the Middle East.

Unlike the Americans, we live in the Middle East and a hasty "tail between the legs" withdrawal or retreat will only enable Shi'ite terror to follow swiftly with kamikaze attacks inside our northern border before essential defence lines are established.

With us, it is not a matter of losing face - it is a matter of losing lives.

GERALD KATZ
Haifa.

DENIS GOLDBERG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - Articles and letters to the editor sharply critical of my political views have appeared in your newspaper since a report by Mr. Segov of an interview with me appeared in *Koteret Rashit* on March 6.

I categorically deny making certain statements attributed to me by Mr. Segov. I had told Mr. Segov, at the start of the interview, that I would not comment on the internal politics of Israel, as I lacked the expertise to do so.

I did not say that Israel is the South Africa of the Middle East; nor that Oliver Tambo (or Nelson Mandela) is the Arafat of South Africa;

nor that the African National Congress is the PLO of South Africa.

Furthermore, the examples of political violence I cited were drawn from Southern Africa, not from Israel. Mr. Segov chose to omit these examples, no doubt because of his lack of expertise on that region. He substituted examples of his own.

Mr. Segov, for reasons of his own, chose to write up an interview on armed struggle in South Africa as if it dealt with the situation in Israel. I deny making the comparisons between the two countries attributed to me by *Koteret Rashit*.

DENIS T. GOLDBERG
Kibbutz Ma'ayan Baruch.

UNREPENTANT TERRORIST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:

Sir, - Who does Denis Goldberg think he is? If Israel did not have good relations with South Africa, we would not have been able to negotiate Goldberg's release, and he would still be languishing in the prison he so richly deserved. How dare he have the *chutzpa* to demand, immediately on his arrival here, that we sever the very relationship that made his release possible?

I also question the decision of the Interior Ministry to allow him into Israel. Meyer Lansky was denied entry because he was a criminal, and criminals are specifically excluded from rights under the Law of the Return. Every government we have ever had has publicly condemned all terrorists, wherever they may be, and urged the world to join forces in fighting this modern scourge. Yet here we have the most heinous type of criminal, an unrepentant terrorist, allowed to enter our country and welcomed as a sort of hero by the

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media. Do we not have enough terrorists in this area already?

I am not misled by his friend Goldreich (the one who fled South Africa with fellow conspirator Wolpe before they could also be imprisoned for plotting terrorist violence) who pretends his gang "only made targets of property, not people." I for one have not forgotten their fellow conspirator, Harris, who exploded a bomb in a suitcase in Johannesburg Station, crippling for life an innocent 12-year-old girl.

IAN COHEN
Ra'anana.

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